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Go, Go Gadgets – Technology Training Presentation
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Gadgets

Amazon Kindle – eBook reader:

The one Irene demonstrated is a 1st generation. She said the new ones are thinner and some of the buttons have been moved. The Kindle simulates reading on paper. There is no back lighting so if you are going to read in the dark you will need a clip on light. It can hold about 200 books. There is an SD card inside to hold more books. Not really meant for surfing the web, it is meant for text base websites. Kindle has a wireless and cellular connection. Internet uses up the charge fast. It comes with a wall charger and USB cord to hook up to computer. You can download a best seller from the Amazon store for about \$9.99. Other books can run from \$.99 on up to about \$10.00. Kindle store will send sample of book. Some public domain books are free. You can Highlight or bookmark as you read. You can also make notes, and save clippings. It comes with a dictionary if you need to look up a word. You can also get magazines and Newspapers on your Kindle. You can change the font if you need larger print.

IPOD

Jim demonstrated the IPOD. IPOD needs a wireless connection. The IPOD has a touch interface. It has many applications such as stocks, weather, web browser, Kindle app, and email. There are thousands of more, but some applications you will need to pay for. You can use your fingers to zoom in or out. Library users could use the IPOD to access library website and to renew materials or check their accounts.

KILL O WATT battery charger

Jim demonstrated the KILL O WATT battery charger. It's made by LaCross Scientific and costs about \$30.00. It tells you when the batteries are in the wrong way, or if you put in non rechargeable batteries. You can also tell when the battery is fully charge by reading the digital display. It plugs into a wall outlet. Tells you how many Kilowatts you are using and if you program the price per kilowatt into it, it will tell you how much it is costing you to run the device.

Flip Video Camera

Irene demonstrated the Flip Video Camera. The camera is about the size of a regular digital camera and runs on two AA batteries. It is good for small video clips that you may want to put on UTUBE. There is a USB connected to camera, power button, red button to record, zoom, and cables to hook up to a TV. It comes with software for your computer. Good for library staff if they want to take some videos of programs.

If you are interested in more information about these devices and others go to Irene's website at <http://librarynation.com>.

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