

Expand Your Curriculum With eBooks



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eBooks



Presentation Description

- This presentation will:
 - Examine eBooks and their full range of features and capabilities.
 - Demonstrate how easily you can integrate electronic books that incorporate images, texts, movies, sounds and Internet resources.



What Are eBooks?

- *eBooks* are electronic books that can be created and/or downloaded from the Internet. They can be used on a variety of computers and hand-held devices.



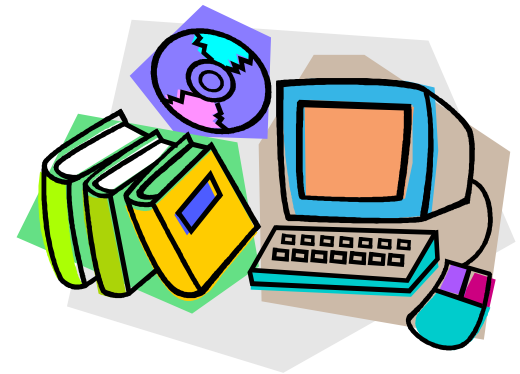
All About eBooks

- Downloadable via Internet
- Free or fee
- Accessible via
 - Hand-held devices
 - Desktop computers
 - Laptops
- Software
 - Browsers
 - Readers (Players)
 - Microsoft
 - Adobe



eBooks Via a Browser

- Called eTexts
- Accessible via the Internet
 - Browser
 - No stand-alone reader or player necessary
 - May require browser plug-ins
 - Sound
 - Animation
 - Movies
 - Example
 - Children's Storybooks Online
 - <http://www.magickeys.com/books/#books>



eBooks and eTexts

- Project Gutenberg
 - <http://www.promo.net/pg/>
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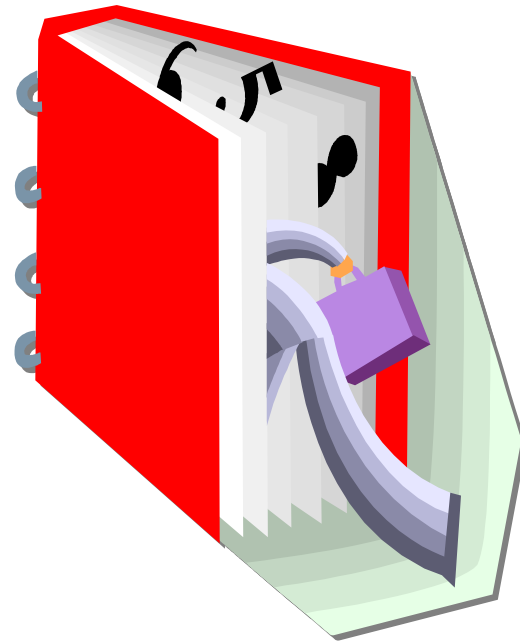
Accessing eBooks

- eBook Readers
 - Microsoft Reader
 - Adobe eBook Reader
 - TumbleBooks
- Software
 - Keebook Creator



Benefits of eBook Readers

- Portability
- Interactivity
 - Color (highlights)
 - Sound
 - Bookmarking
 - Drawings
 - Notes
- Formatting
 - Font size
- Versatility
 - Microsoft
 - Adobe



Capabilities of eBook Software

- Accessing & reading ebooks
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 - TumbleBooks
 - Adobe eBook Reader
- Creating eBooks
 - Microsoft Reader
 - Adobe eBook Reader
 - Keebook Creator



Microsoft Reader

- Allows you to download and read ebooks.
- Allows you to download free ebooks and/or purchase ebooks.
- Ebooks include:
 - Commercial ebooks
 - Fiction
 - Nonfiction
 - Dictionaries
 - And more

Microsoft Reader: Tech Specs

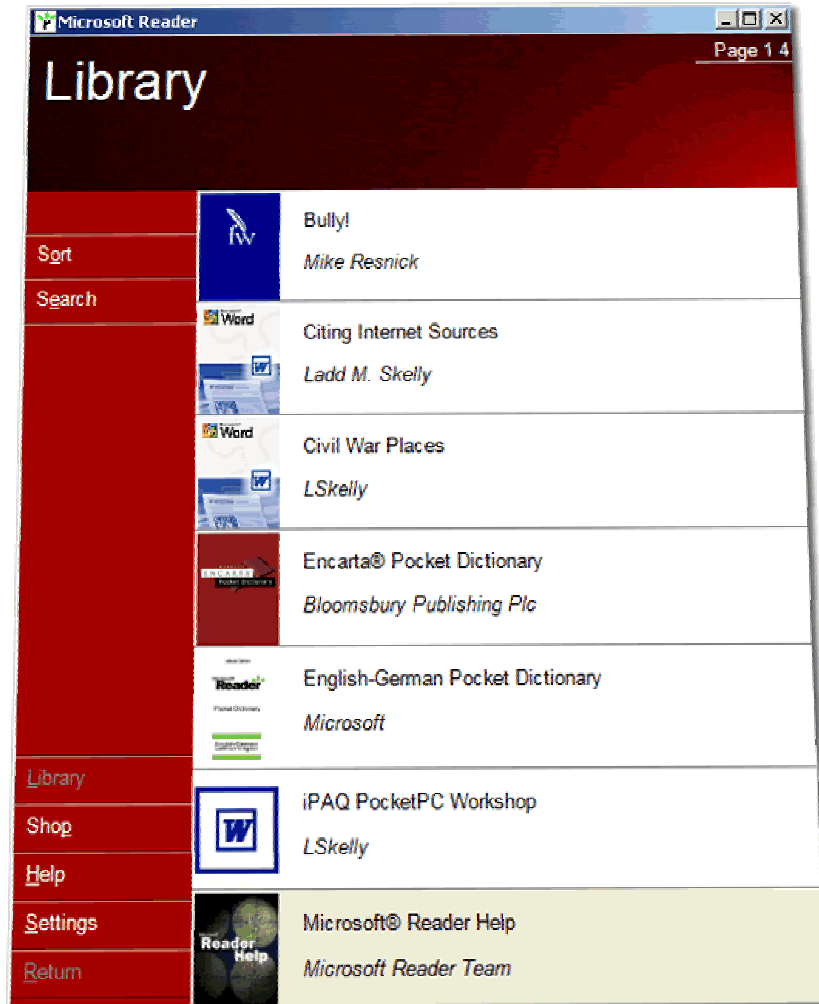
- Pentium II or higher microprocessor
- 16 MB RAM
- Approximately 19 MB free hard drive space
 - Microsoft Reader is 3.6 MB, but additional hard disk space is required for installation.
- Operating System-Microsoft Windows® 98 platforms, Microsoft Windows NT4 SP6, Microsoft Windows 2000 platforms, Microsoft Windows XP, and Microsoft Windows Me
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 with Service Pack 1 or higher
- VGA or higher resolution monitor and video card capable of displaying 16 bit color

Microsoft Word Add-In

- Create eBooks from Microsoft Word version 2002 files at the click of a button. The Read in Microsoft Reader (RMR) add-in for Microsoft Word enables you to convert any Word document into a Microsoft Reader format eBook in just a few simple steps.

Microsoft Reader Features

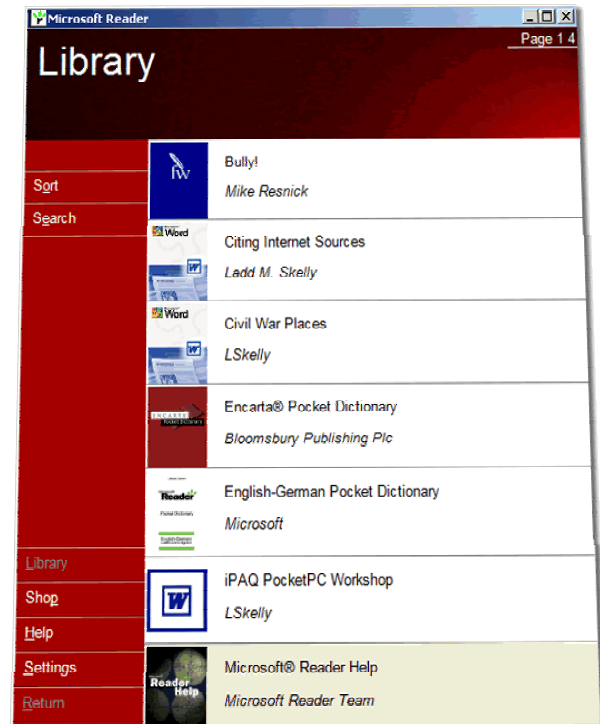
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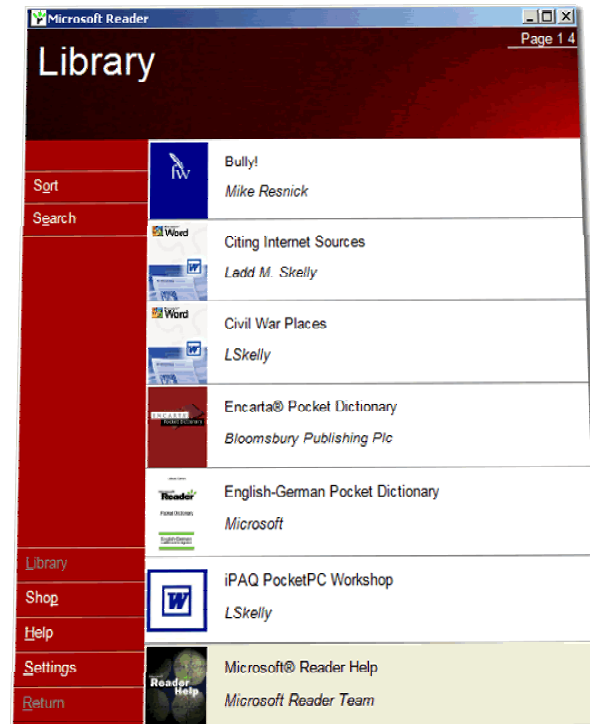
Microsoft Reader: Sort

- Sort
 - By title
 - By author
 - By last read
 - By book size
 - By date acquired



Microsoft Reader: Search

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TumbleBooks

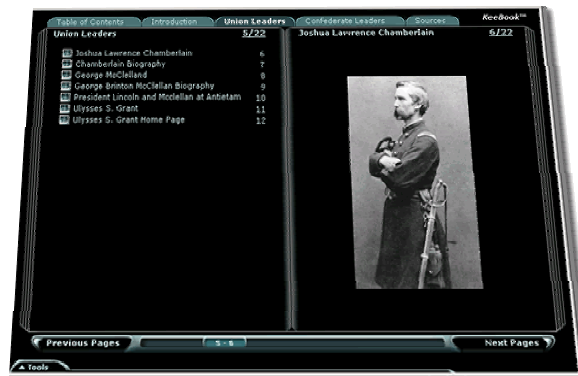
- Allows you to access animated picture books, complete with sound, music and narration.
- The books are experienced off-line in a free, proprietary software application called the TumbleReader™.
 - TumbleBooks produces original content or convert existing books into the TumbleBook™ format.

TumbleBooks: Tech Specs

- TumbleBooks™ can be delivered and experienced through a variety of devices and media: PC's, laptops, personal digital devices, Pocket PC's, portable entertainment devices, television, and the internet.
- Site: www.tumblebooks.com

Keobook Creator

- Allows you to create electronic books that can be made accessible anytime, anywhere via the Internet.
- They can hold images, documents and Internet sites.
- Accessed using any standard web browser.



Keebook Creator: Tech Specs

- To Create
 - PC Computer
 - Windows 95/98
 - Drag and Drop capability
- To View
 - Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator versions 4 or better for PC or Macintosh.
 - Don't need KeeBook Creator to see your KeeBooks.
- Site: www.keeboo.com

Project-Based Learning

TechToon



After months of hard work, Mr. Wilkins saw the first sign of technology integration.

Choices, Choices, Choices

- **Use a “plug & play” online project**
 - Advantages
 - Less prep time
 - Disadvantages
 - May not dovetail to your curriculum needs
- **Create your own online project**
 - Advantages
 - Customized learning
 - Disadvantages
 - Labor intensive
 - Content
 - Tools



Online Project Development

- Types
 - Hotlists
 - ScrapBook
 - WebQuests
- What is the process behind project development?
- Where do I find the necessary tools and resources?

Online Activities/Projects

- Hotlists

- A **hotlist** is a list of Internet resources that are related to a certain theme, topic, subject, and/or project.

- **Advantages**

- Provides appropriate resources
- Requires no searching
- Allows more “time on task”

Online Activities/Projects

- Scrapbooks

- A scrapbook is a collection of Internet sites organized around specific categories such as, photographs, maps, stories, facts, quotations, sound clips, videos, virtual reality tours, etc.

- **Advantages**

- Contain multimedia resources that can be used in other formats

- Newsletters
 - Web pages
 - Electronic presentations

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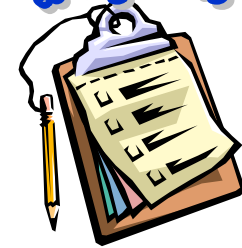
- WebQuests
 - A WebQuest is an inquiry-based project that includes Internet resources
- **Advantages**
 - Delivers inquiry-based learning
 - Promote effective use of the Internet
 - Promotes higher level thinking skills
 - Provides real world experiences
 - Promotes cooperative learning

Classroom Ideas

- Student-Created Electronic Books
 - Early Childhood Technology Literacy Projects
 - <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/littlekids/downloads/ebooks/index.html>
- Online Activities
 - Activity sheets and content
- Writing
 - ABC Books
 - Poetry
 - Short Stories
- [Online Projects](#)



Benefits of eBooks in the Library



- Put one series or genre on one device and loan out
- Eliminate fines
- Don't need to wait months to buy a book; buy immediately, catalogue and circulate.
- May be able to buy 50 copies of a book for a month, then drop down to 2 copies.
- Provide access to titles only available online
- Convenient. One device can hold ten or more books
- Could put an entire reference collection (or certain parts, such as all almanacs) on one device and keyword search the entire collection. Faster for retrieving information. The titles are not there yet, and this might be just as easy on a pc or laptop.
- Textbooks may be loaded on and used for reserve or for use in school libraries
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Installation of Reader

1. Click the download link below.
<http://www.microsoft.com/reader/download.asp>
2. In the File Download box, select Save this program to disk.
3. Save the file named "msreadersetup.exe" to your hard drive.
4. When the download is completed, locate msreadersetup.exe on your hard drive and double-click the file to begin installation.

Note: If you are running Internet Explorer 5.0 or later, a dialog box will appear when the download is completed, and you will be prompted to begin installation.

Installation of Reader

5. You'll be prompted to activate your copy of Microsoft Reader 2.0. This important step is required to purchase premium eBook titles that have been secured for distribution.

Note: If you currently have an Activated version of Microsoft Reader 1.5/1.51 on your laptop/desktop, make sure that you use the same Passport/Hotmail account to re-activate the new version after downloading it. (You must use the same account information to open and read the Owner Exclusive content that you have already purchased.)

Installation of Reader

6. When installation is complete, you may be prompted to restart your PC. After the restart, the installation will continue. We strongly recommend activating your device at time of installation so you can purchase and open the Owner Exclusive premium content you may already have.

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