School Media Specialists and Public Librarians team up to offer digital fiction to young adults, in school.
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We've started a digital fiction collection...

Yay, whether it's 5 or 500 titles!

But, who knows it's there? Who knows how to use e-Readers?
Team Up!

Team up with the public library. Your collection + their collection = a universe of digital fiction for students--wherever they are, on-demand!
Yes, they have been raised with this technology.

Specifically, though--do they already know how to access and use digital fiction? Are they doing it on their own without us?

Or do they still need direction, yet can then take it from there?
Instead of being last to the eBook party, we are actually the ones sending out the invitations.

1:1 school not necessary: many students already have devices. And, they are here already in concept--now we can teach them specifics.
This made the difference for us, hope it helps you, too.
Yes, bulletin notices, Tweets, flyers/posters are great. But this is a school cultural change, and there's nothing like the power of personal interaction.
2. Interactive Learning

Make it a BYOD party! Walk 'em through it, together.
School library digital collections are one piece. Connecting our students to the public library's digital fiction—in the school—is another. Did I mention it's free?
Fill out public library card applications as part of the BYOD workshop. Work together as librarians to return the applications, as well as deliver the cards. Age 12 and up does not need a parent signature, we worked with grades 7-12.
3 Pitfalls

Watch Out For These

Learn from our experience.
1. Scheduling Snafus

Speaking to all the students: whole-grade vs. class periods.

Do you have library classes, or is it hit and miss with students?

Working with teachers to make the time happen.
We needed to teach the application form line by line, even to seniors. Surprise!

Physical address, no PO boxes
Border of two different regional library systems
3. Cards Denied!

Have a plan for when student public library cards are denied.

No physical address? (Help student find 911 number and street number)

Not in-county? (Go to website of other library system, help student download app and navigate digital collection)

Outstanding fines? (Set up scholarships funded by anonymous donations)
Address each yearly incoming grade. Make a plan with English teacher?
On-Demand Reading
A Super Power

Bestow this: Fiction choice. 24/7. Lifelong love of reading.
Describe Nirvana scenario. Students fully served!
Digital Dynamic Duo

Expanding public library digital collections, connecting school and public libraries.

One of 7 regional Multitype Library systems in Minnesota. www.nlln.org

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Start right where you are. You've got this!!

Resources (within ITEMCon15 site):
Presentation Link
Presentation pdf
MN Multitype Libraries
Infographic

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