

Holland Patent Middle School and Senior High School

Nook and Kindle Policy

The middle school library has both Barnes & Noble Nook (2) and Amazon Kindle eReaders (3). The high school library 4 Amazon Kindle eReaders. The Nooks are pre-loaded with *Bull Run* by Paul Fleischman and *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austin. We look forward to purchasing a variety of additional titles if there is an interest. For now, any book that is available in the MidYork Public Library System as an ebook is downloadable onto either the Nook or the Kindle with a two-week lending period. The title will automatically disappear from the device when the two-week lending period expires. Parental Controls are set on the Kindles so that students may not browse for books at Amazon.com, download books, or play games. It is simply a method for storing and reading the downloaded title electronically.

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