eBooks – The Changing Landscape in South Dakota Schools

Audience	Vendor	Features
Consumer	In-General	- Individual purchase - Limited sharing - Unable to donate books to library/school when done
	Amazon Kindle	Most popular vendors
	Barnes and Noble Nook	Offer free apps to read the vendor books on various devices
	Apple iStore	- Offer limited free books and excerpts. - Ask: Is free what I really want to read?
	Public Library	- Borrow eBook/e-audiobook - Read on various devices - Typically one book per user (Like traditional paper) - <u>Limited</u> downloads/book; not really a lit circle option
Kids/families as consumer	Storia	Designed for kids
	StarWalk	Advertised to parents
Public Library	In-general	- Most students can get public library card in community - Adds free reading options - Most models one-to-one
School Library	Consider	- Building a collection: platform + purchase collection (OverDrive, Follett) - Ready-made collection: platform with content (Tumblebooks) - Free platform + purchase collection (Capstone) - Models vary one-to-one and multiple users
So you are looking at options….		
Model	Vendor	Features
Public Library School Library	Overdrive	- Check to see if public library provides eBooks $ Platform + $ content - Multiple publishers - District model an option - Option for "simultaneous use" packages—set number of titles for 1 year with unlimited use

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State Library Resources with eBooks—available to all schools (http://library.sd.gov)	World Book Advanced	• Over 3,000 fiction and nonfiction titles/primarily classics • Download in epub (Nook) or mobi (Kindle) formats • No DRM (digital rights management) • Unlimited users
	Learning Express Library	• Over 200 test prep and skills improvement eBooks • Download in pdf format • No DRM • Unlimited users
	Gale Virtual Reference Library	• Nearly 90 multivolume titles in subject areas like health, history, literature and more • Download articles in pdf format • No DRM • Unlimited users
	Ebooks on Ebsco	• Over 16,000 predominantly non-fiction titles • Limited new content since 2006 • 1 book per user • 1 day checkout and download to e-reader
Jobber Platforms— Educational Companies	Follett Shelf MackinVIA	• Multiple publishers • Pay for platform + content • All ages/all levels • Not all publishers participate • Some are multi-user/most one-to-one • Apps to use on multiple devices • District model awkward (larger the district more awkward; works better at building level) • Link directly through MARC records • Have AR and Lexile
Publisher Platform— unlimited user	Capstone	• Platform free + buy content • Multiple users/always available • K-8
Publisher Platform— limited users	Storia	• Geared more towards home/classroom use • Platform free + buy content • 1 book/user
Streaming Platform	StarWalk Kids Media	• One fee for platform with access to all content • Home option = $5.95/month—access to all titles • School subscribe by end of May for $595 (http://www.mackin.com/ESERVICES/STARWALK.aspx) • Annual fee • Read aloud • Multiple users
	Tumblebooks	• Pay for platform and content included; don't have choices in content • Annual fee

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Pay Per Use	Brain Hive	$1/checkout - Aimed at school libraries - K12 content - Link AR account to Brain Hive
Differentiated Options	Braille and Talking Book	- Qualify for a visual or physical disability - Can have a reading disability but need a doctor's signature - Downloadable option: BARD - Information and forms: http://library.sd.gov/BTB/index.aspx
	Bookshare	- US Dept. of Education provides - Services are free but must qualify - Different qualification rules than Talking Books - Downloadable options
Free Web-Based Options	StoryLine Online	Streaming videos of actors reading stories out loud
	We Give Books	- Free eBooks - Fiction/nonfiction through age 10
	Adobe Digital Editions	Free eBooks/eBook excerpts
	Additional free eBook options	https://www.diigo.com/list/joanupell/list-2013040217082366
	Commonalities with free options:	- Marketed to work on desktops, laptops and tablets (including some Kindle Fire) - Starting to see apps for iPad - Don't typically see talk about Nooks/Kindles or other proprietary e-readers
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