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Summer beach reads

Traditional books or E-books ... the plot thickens

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When you're thinking about which books to throw in your beach bag for a summer getaway, your "stack" might be as small as one of today's E-reader devices — which can hold more electronic books, magazines and newspapers than you could ever read, let alone carry to the beach.

"People are definitely beginning to use more downloadable E-books than ever before, and today's libraries are making these available to patrons for free through a variety of new tech services," said Laurie Golden, marketing and communications specialist for the Canton Public Library.

While traditional books comprise the greatest majority of books "checked out" through metro Detroit area libraries, E-book technology definitely is catching on, and people like Golden see it as a trend for the future — and the future is now.

"You can even download our E-books or audio books from home if you're a library cardholder, without ever stepping into the library to borrow or return them," said Golden. "The 'book' will actually 'disappear' from the screen after three weeks."

People also can borrow regular audio-books on CDs, so they can listen to books while they're driving or sitting on the beach. Another option are "play away" books that are pre-loaded onto an MP3 device. "All the patron needs is a set of standard play headphones and he or she can 'read' a variety of titles for free," said Golden.

Many people already have their own

E-book readers, such as a Sony E-reader, that is able to take free downloads, in comparison to other E-readers like the Amazon Kindle, Barnes & Noble Nook or Apple iPad. These proprietary products can take a limited number of free downloaded titles, but mostly can download titles for a nominal fee from their own "store."

The benefit of these E-readers is the sophistication of the technology, which enables people to adjust the print size, brightness of the page, and turn pages one at a time or a group of pages — just like a book.

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Another huge benefit is portability, but the E-book's downside is its sensitivity to sand and water. "I definitely would not take an E-reader to the beach or near water," said Melissa Bliss, owner of Paperbacks & Things in Westland.

Bliss uses an E-reader for researching books or for convenience when traveling, but said she wouldn't use it where it could be easily damaged. "It's one thing to accidentally wreck a \$7.99 paperback if you're out on or near the water, but it's an entirely different thing to lose a \$300 E-reader. Electronics are too sensitive to sand and water. You're much better off to bring a bag of inexpensive books to the beach."

She and her customers are anticipating the release of Janet Evanovich's paperback, *Fingerlickin' Fifteen* and her new hardcover book, *Sizzling Sixteen*. Another favorite

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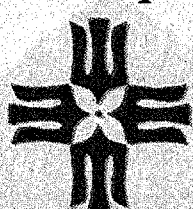
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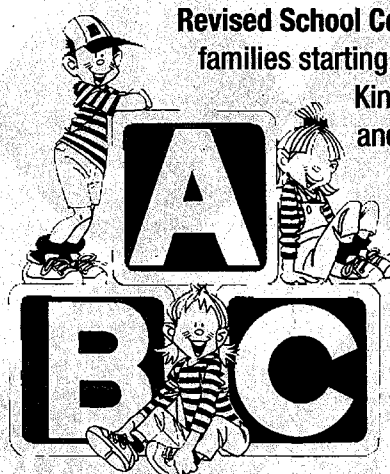
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