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Experimenting in an iPad Sandbox

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ARE IPADS USEFUL FOR OUR EMPLOYEES?

Would an iPad make my work easier?



Is there benefit to our Libraries and Educational Technology employees using iPads in their work?

LET'S TRY A SANDBOX!



Q: What is a sandbox?
A: It's a group of colleagues sharing, experimenting, and learning new technologies.

WE GOT A BUNCH OF PEOPLE FROM THE LIBRARY...

1 Year (May 2011 – May 2012)

20 Participants and 4 Facilitators

Random selection representative of most departments within the library

iPad 2s (\$499 each)
+Smart Cover (\$39 each)
+apps and accessories budget
\$570 per person



EXPERIMENTING IN AN IPAD SANDBOX



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FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT OUR ALA BOOK CHAPTER AT THE QR CODE ABOVE!



WE EXPERIMENTED TOGETHER...

- Exploring apps & iPad functionality
- Overcoming 'device phobia'
- Sharing iPad tips & tricks
- Solving problems & asking questions
- Presenting to colleagues
- Homework!
- Blended Learning: 9 Meetings + Blackboard

WE ANALYZED TOGETHER...

How do catalogers use iPads? Reference librarians?
Instructional librarians?

How do we work differently since learning & implementing strategies from the iPad Sandbox?

Are there standard apps everyone needs?

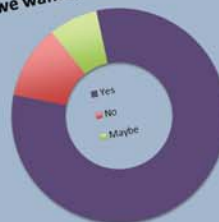
How does a tablet compare to other mobile devices?

Are there limitations to the iPad?



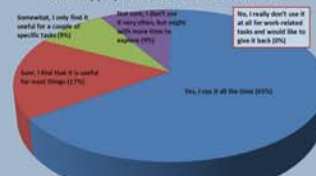
MOST LIKED THE SANDBOX

Do we want the Sandbox to continue?



MOST LIKED THE IPADS

How many people want to continue to use their iPads?



...AND A FEW DIDN'T

IT WAS WORTH IT!

- Creating an iPad user group
 - volunteer facilitators
 - online and in-person sharing
- Setting aside annual experimentation funds
 - Any brand of tablet or an iPod touch
 - Anyone in Libraries & Educational Technologies
- Repeating the sandbox learning model
 - Fall 2012-2013: The L&ET Hub (intranet) Sandbox