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Bedford Borough and Central
Bedfordshire Libraries'
Public Library Online



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What is it?

Public Library Online is an online access service to themed digital bookshelves.

There is no download, you simply connect to the service online using any internet enabled device – PC, MAC, mobile phone – and read the books online, just as you read a website

What does it offer?

Bedfordshire has subscribed to the following themed digital bookshelves:

- Childhood
- Book Group
- Teen Fiction
- Paranormal Romance
- Quercus Crime
- Love the Film, Read the Book
- Steps to Success – Personal



How do I use it?

Access within the library is via the following Bedfordshire page:

A screenshot of the Bedfordshire Libraries website. The top navigation bar is blue with the text 'Bedfordshire Libraries' on the left and a 'Site search:' input field on the right. Below the navigation bar, there are several menu items: 'Search, Request, Renew' (red), 'About Your Library' (blue), 'Books, Music, Films' (orange), 'Children and Teens' (blue), 'Information and Reference' (green), 'Learn for Work and Fun' (green), 'Local and Family History' (purple), and 'Local Information' (purple). On the right side of the page, there is a red banner with the 'public library online' logo. Below the banner, the heading 'Bloomsbury Public Library Online' is displayed in bold black text. The main content area contains two paragraphs of text and a bulleted list of available shelves.

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Bloomsbury Public Library Online

The Bloomsbury Public Library Online offers online access to fiction and non-fiction e-books from a wide range of publishers. The selection from our electronic bookshelves can be read online either at the library or at home, or through internet and flash enabled devices like laptops and smartphones (though not currently iPhones or iPads).

You don't need to download anything, and you can access the service from home or on the go simply with your library card number. There are also added extras including video author reading group guides, reviews and more. You'll find all sorts of books including 'The Suspenseful Whichever' by Kate Summerscale, 'The Finkler Question' by Howard Jacobson, and 'The Guilt Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society' by Mary Ann Shaffer.

The shelves available are;

- Book Group
- Childhood
- Crime
- Love the Film, Read the Book

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This page is accessed via the following link:

http://www.galaxy.bedfordshire.gov.uk/webingres/bedfordshire/vlib/0.books_reading/bloomsbury_public_library_online.htm

Here you'll find all online resources available within the Bedfordshire Library Service.

Select the Public Library Online link to access the shelves.

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You can also access the Public Library Online remotely by logging in when prompted with your library card number. Remote access is available through a Bedfordshire's website here: <http://www.galaxy.bedfordshire.gov.uk/cgi-bin/vlib.sh>

The screenshot shows the Bedfordshire Libraries website interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like 'Search, Request, Renew', 'About Your Library', 'Books, Music, Films', 'Children and Teens', 'Information and Reference', 'Learn for Work and Fun', 'Local and Family History', and 'Local Information'. The main content area is titled 'Online Resources' and lists several digital services. A red circle highlights the 'e-Books - Bloomsbury Public Library Online' entry, which includes the instruction to log in using a library card number. Other resources listed include BYKI Languages, Cobra, Credo reference, e-Audio, Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, Oxford English Dictionary, Oxford Reference Online, Oxford Art Online, Oxford Music Online, Theory Test Pro, The Times Digital Archive, and NewsUK - Magazines. A footer contains copyright information and a disclaimer.

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Online Resources

BYKI Languages
Learn languages online. Create an account and start learning

Cobra
Careers and business information. Log in using your library card number.

Credo reference
you will need
user id bedfordshire and **password owl18**

e-Audio
Download and listen to bestselling e-audio.

e-Books - Bloomsbury Public Library Online
Read great books online - choose from a selection of shelves. Log in using your library card number.

Encyclopaedia Britannica
you may need to log in again using your library card number

GoCitizen
Online study resource for the Life in the UK or British Citizenship tests. Create an account and start learning

NewsUK - Magazines
Searchable full text articles from a range of magazines

Newsstand
Searchable UK, national and regional papers

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography
Click on the link above to explore this resource

Oxford English Dictionary
You may need to enter your library card number

Oxford Reference Online
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Oxford Art Online
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Oxford Music Online
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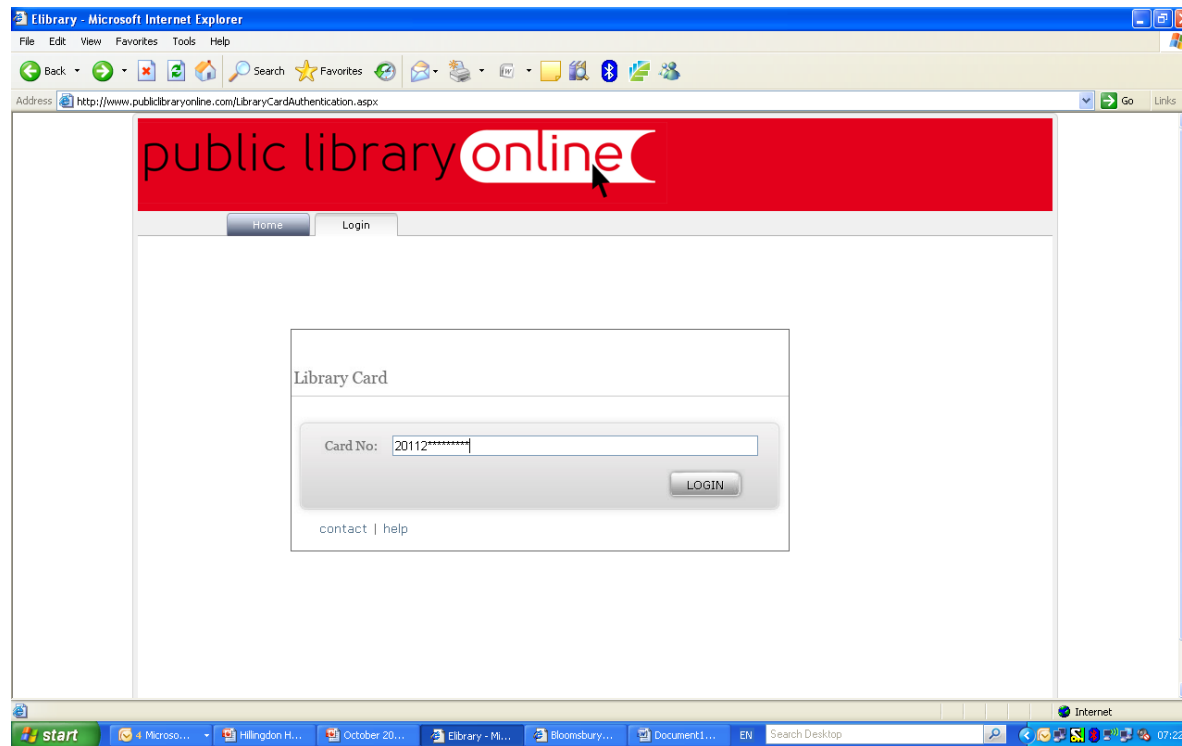
Theory Test Pro
Online simulation of the driving theory test for all categories. create an account and start practising

The Times Digital Archive
Click on the link above to explore this resource

Who Else Writes Like
Stuck for ideas on who to read next? You will need to log in using your library card number (012345678)

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Enter your library card number on the login page with no spaces:



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to get to Bedfordshire's Public Library Online

The screenshot shows the Bedfordshire's Public Library Online website. At the top, there is a red banner with the text "public library online" in white. A mouse cursor is pointing at the "online" part of the banner. In the top right corner of the banner, there are two logos: the Bedford Borough Council crest and a green circular logo with the text "Central Bedfordshire". Below the banner, there are two buttons: "Home" and "Logout". The main heading is "Welcome to Bedfordshire's Public Library Online". To the right of the heading is a "Title Search" box with a search input field. Below the heading is a paragraph of text: "Choose a book from one of the digital shelves below. Once you've chosen your book, you can read this online anytime anywhere, either in the library or at home by logging in with your library card number. We hope you enjoy these books and the added extras including Reading Group Guides and author interviews where available." Below this text is a search filter section with a "Title" dropdown menu, an "a to z" dropdown menu, and a "Submit" button. The "Book Group" section features a horizontal carousel of book covers. The visible covers are: "Burnt Shadows" by Viet Thanh Nguyen, "Justine Picardie DAPHNE", "Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell" by Susanna Clarke, "William Boyd RESTLESS", "The Aviary Gate" by Katie Hickman, and "The Death of Vishnu" by Manil Suri. Below the carousel, the "Childhood" section is partially visible.

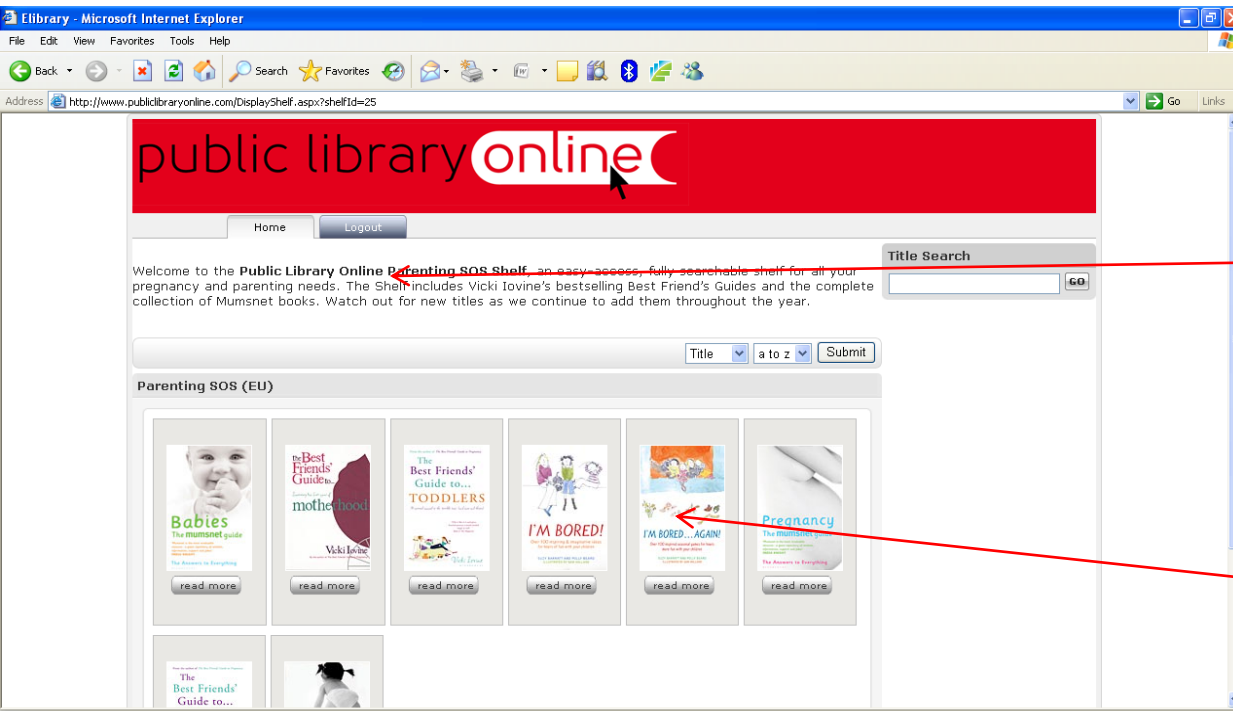
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Once within the Public Library Online you can view the selection of shelves...

The screenshot shows the Public Library Online website. At the top is a red banner with the logo. Below it are navigation tabs for 'Local Library', 'Login', and 'Global Home'. A welcome message follows, describing the service. To the right is a 'Title Search' box with a 'GO' button. Below the search box is a filter section with 'Title' and 'a to z' dropdowns and a 'Submit' button. The main content area displays two shelves of books. The first shelf is titled 'Adventure For 9-11 Year Olds' and contains seven book covers: 'AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS', 'AL CAPONE SHINES MY SHOES', 'BATTLE KEEPER', 'How ALI FERGUSON SAVED HOUDINI', 'HOW KIRSTY JENKINS STOLE THE MONKEY', 'MORTLOCK', and 'POWDER MONKEY'. The second shelf is titled 'Arden Shakespeare' and contains seven book covers: 'A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM', 'HAMLET', 'KING LEAR', 'MACBETH', 'MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING', 'OTHELLO', and 'ROMEO AND JULIET'. Red arrows point from the explanatory text to the shelf titles and the book covers.

Click shelf title or book jacket that you would like to view, using left and right arrows to scroll along all available titles on each shelf

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Once on the book shelf of your choice...

Read about the books on this shelf and access extra free resources such as author websites

Click on jacket or 'read more' to get to more information on a title

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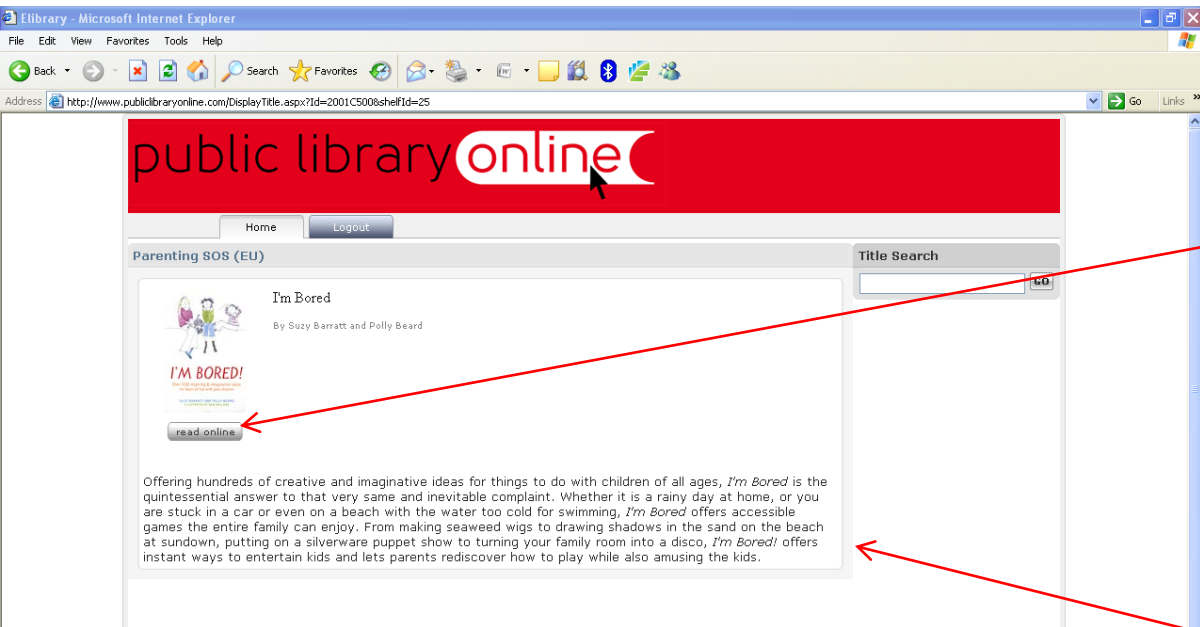
- Click on the shelf you're interested in
- Click on the book you're interested in
- Start reading
- Zoom in to increase type size
- Search
- Enjoy!

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Book page gives description and resources available

Click on the jacket or 'read online' to begin reading

Read the blurb and click links to access lots of free resources including reading group guides, author interviews, videos, websites and reviews



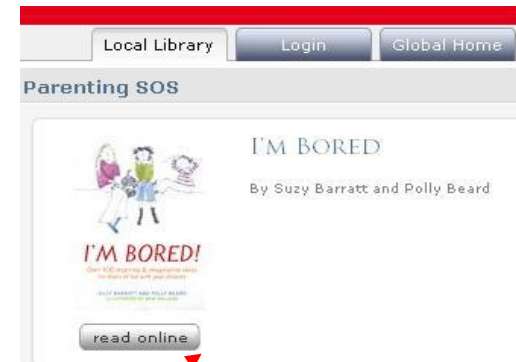
Once you are in the reader, where you read pages from the book, you cannot bookmark or copy and paste the link or you will receive the following error message:

Sorry !

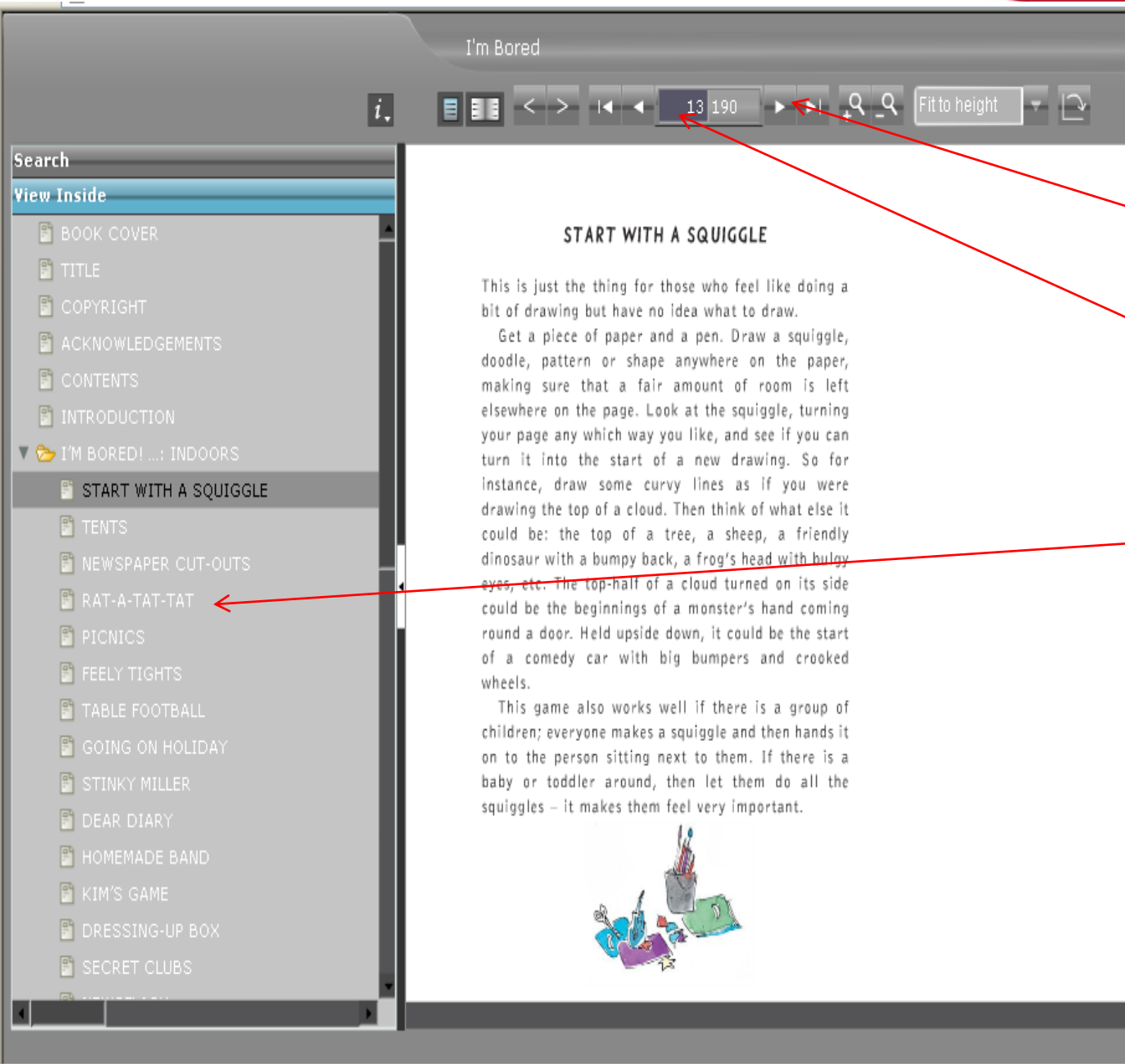
You can not access this token

You have given access for 1 time(s).

Total number of accesses exceeded.



We suggest bookmarking the title page if you wish to come back to the book at another time



Once in the book of your choice ...

Page through the book

Go straight to a page number

Go straight to a chapter

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You can also ...

Go straight to any page in the book

Search through the book at any time

Move forward and backward in the book

Zoom in or out to suit reading preference

View all thumbnails, double page spreads, single pages, or large double pages

The screenshot shows the public library online search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a search icon, a list icon, and a page number '13 190'. Below this is a search bar with the word 'squiggle' entered. The search results are displayed in a sidebar on the left, showing the search term 'squiggle' and a list of results including 'I'M BORED! INDOORS 13 START WITH A SQUIGGLE' and 'Smallest Shell Competition 157 Smells Familiar 59 Spooft 141-2 Start with a Squiggle 13 Stinky page:189'. The main content area displays the search results for 'squiggle', including the title 'START WITH A SQUIGGLE' and the text of the article. The word 'squiggle' is highlighted in green in the text. At the bottom of the page, there is a small illustration of a desk with a lamp and a pencil holder, and the text 'I'M BORED! INDOORS 13'.

Click on the search bar and type in the word you are looking for

The word for which you are searching will be highlighted in the text

Or jump straight to pages using search results in the contents bar

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Which device?

- You can access the Public Library Online using any internet enabled device that uses Flash.
- This means most pcs, macs, laptops and mobile phones.
- Currently, iPad, iPhone and iTouch don't accept Flash, so the books cannot be viewed on these devices, but we're working on a solution

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Can I use my Kindle or Sony Reader?

- No, because these are not fully internet enabled in that they don't allow access to all websites (Kindle just allows access to the Amazon store to buy books from Amazon)
- Those are ebook download devices whereas this is an online access service