Keeping up with the Jones’: iPads in the Library

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Goodbye and Thank You

Steve Jobs
1955-2011
Avoiding the Digital Divide

• Expectation to keep up-to-date is supported by the library as part of Institutional Effectiveness
• Students use smart phones for everything
• We need to know and use Apps
• Investment in professional development with practical applications
Connecting to our Users

• It’s all about communication
• Interaction
• Social Media
The tool of choice

iPad 2
Now with iOS 5 and iCloud, it just got even harder to put down. Starting at $499.
Is the iPad Elitist?

• Afraid to use it/lose it
• Embarrassed that others in the library don’t have one
• Other, cheaper tablets are available on the market
• More Apps are written for the iPad
Using Our iPads

• Newbies
• Had to wait to add pay Apps until new budget
• Some have fallen in love with the device and use it all the time and take it with them wherever they go.
• Some keep their iPad locked up and “safe” in their office.
What Other Libraries Do

- Student checkout
- Ebooks
What comes with and what has been added
What it can do..

- Roaming reference
- Email
- Productivity software
- File sharing
- Remote desktop to work computer
Useful Apps

• Dropbox
• Meebo
• Pages
• Numbers
• Splashtop – remote desktop
• Bluefire Reader
Working on my presentation from my Ipad
Others’ Productivity Picks

• TextFree
• Whistle
• Gbviewer
• MagicJack for iPad
• WinAdmin
• Skype
Live and learn - limitations

• WiFi, not 3G
• Carrying it around is less awkward than a laptop, but a handle or strap would still be nice.
• What Apps work with which Apps?
  – Dropbox
    • Tried numerous “word” like Apps and “excel” like Apps
    • Pages and Numbers seemed to be the only ones to connect.
• Not compatible with all projectors.
  – Samsung pocket projector won’t allow it to connect.
  – Other models are available, but we also discovered that low lumens are not good lumens for roaming projections
Questions?

Thank You