JUVENILE LITERATURE
E-BOOKS IN A CURRICULUM MATERIALS LIBRARY SETTING:

Love Them or Leave Them?
E-books are gaining in popularity in ‘popular culture’
- July 2010: Amazon claimed to be selling more e-books than hardcover editions
- May 2011: Amazon announces that e-book sales have surpassed ALL print book sales (including hardcovers and paperbacks)

Moving to e-book format in UNLV Libraries
- Patron Driven Acquisitions (PDA) trial for certain disciplines (including Education)
- Majority of professional materials ordered for the CML are now in e-book format
SO WHAT’S THE PROBLEM?

- CML’s juvenile literature collection serves a three-fold purpose
  - Supporting academic study of children’s/young adult literature
  - Leisure reading collection
  - Providing materials for use by CCSD teachers and students

- Which means…
  - Amazon’s e-book sales (and other info.) can guide leisure reading trends
  - BUT…we also need input and buy-in from UNLV instructors and CCSD teachers
QUESTIONS BEGGING FOR ANSWERS

- Juvenile fiction (novels) e-books vs. picture book e-books
  - Reading a novel as an e-book is one thing, but a picture book?!

- E-reader ownership and availability
  - E-readers obviously popular, but according to a study, only 4% of undergrads own one (redundant technology and cost)
  - Teen (students in general) haves and have-nots
  - School haves and have-nots

- Collection development
  - Balancing e-book and print book purchases
  - Currently limited number of publishers provide e-books for library purchase
REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING