Audio-Books/Supporting Learners

Renaissance College Hong Kong (RCHK)

- RCHK is a newly established Yr 1-13 IBO World School
- international community
- capacity for 2,100 students
- majority of students are EAL
- English the medium for teaching and learning
- teaches Chinese - Standard Chinese and Putonghua
- SEN students supported

Audio-book Project

**Rationale:** to encourage and support language learning initially for EAL & SEN students by providing portable audio devices (IPod shuffle) loaded with MP3 files.

**Action**

- Purchase 20 IPod shuffles
- Write Policy for management of IPod loan to students
- Purchase MP3 files from Audible.com
- Collaborate with EAL, SEN & English Depts. re selection
- Purchase Playaways as additional MP3 format
- Catalogue files into Library system - visible to students via the OPAC
- Publicize audio-book titles and method of loaning.

**Why MP3 with IPod**

- Popular format for students
- Compact and portable
- Files can’t be scratched or damaged
- Able to listen on the go
- Able to purchase, store and load files on demand – total flexibility

**Findings**

- Students excited about format
- Excellent support for SEN and EAL students
- Able to support English department set texts
- Other suppliers of MP3 format in a developing market
- Supports differentiation & auditory learners
- English Dept. thrilled students provided audio support
- Enables all students to access text and engage in Literature Circle discussions – draws in reluctant readers
- Great marketing opportunity for the Library - students and staff impressed with our ability to provide this emerging technology to meet their needs.

**Challenges/Difficulties**

- Deciding on type of MP3 player – Ipod shuffle discontinued
- Audible.com restricts sale of content by geographical location – frustrating!
- Playaways expensive
- Copyright considerations