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The committee will sponsor an event on eBooks and eBook readers in the Spring Semester. The event will be scheduled for the week of April 5-9. We will send out a call for proposal to CULIBS and METRO-I soon. We would like this to be a presentation with several speakers who might touch on:

1. Hands-on experience with eBook readers at CUNY libraries. Several schools are running pilot programs with the technology now.
2. Digital Rights Management issues and eBooks
3. Evaluating of eBooks as a Content Delivery platform
4. eBook reader hardware evaluation (dedicated readers, smartphones, tablets, etc.)
5. eBooks and Mass digitization efforts such as google books or the <http://openlibrary.org/>

Other Program Ideas:

1. We discussed co-sponsoring an event on the Semantic Web with the Archivists Roundtable this spring- Cynthia Tobar from the GC will contact Corey Harper at NYU as a potential speaker. This will be a widely advertised presentation that we will try to hold at a larger venue.
2. LibraryThing - Stephen Klein from the GC will contact possible presenter that he is acquainted with and report back to the group on availability.

Other points of discussion:

We discussed possible archiving future presentations with webcasts along with speaker notes/slides.