

Escaping reality: The Information Behaviours of Erotic Novel Readers

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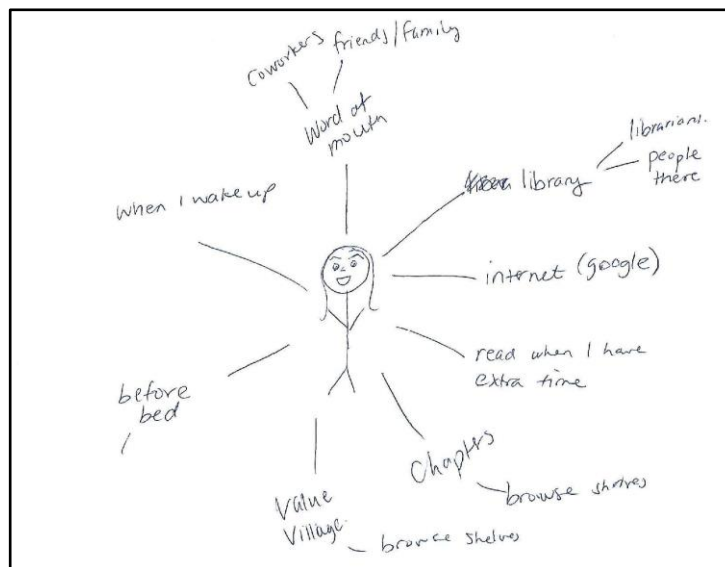
Abstract

This study will be looking at the information seeking behaviours of 3 adult erotic fiction readers. This was done using semi-structured interviews and diagrammatic representations of the participants information horizons. Analysis was done in context with the work of Ross (1999) on information encountering, along with the study done by Keilty (2012) who examined the embodied experience in browsing online pornography. The findings indicate that browsing and receiving recommendations from friends, family, and peers were the most common sources of information that these readers referred to. It was also found that there is a deeply emotional aspect of the reading that allows for participants to use as an escape. This research allows information specialists to have a more in depth knowledge of erotica readers and shows how previous research on leisure fiction readers can be applied to readers of all genres.

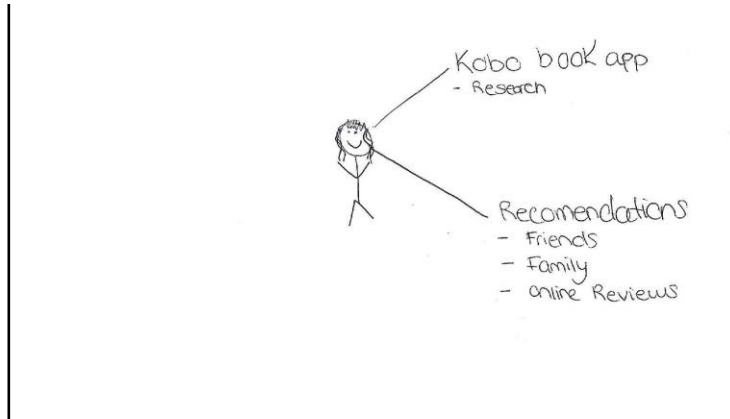
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Information Horizon Map - 1



Information Horizon Map - 2



Information Horizon Map - 3

