

## Glossary of Equipment Terms

**Note:** Whenever an item combines more than one kind of technology, catalog based on the more advanced technology. For example, a MP3/CD combination player is cataloged under the template for MP3 Player.

**Cables and Cords** – Use for: any cable or cord that is cataloged separately, including computer cables, extension cords, etc.

**Camera** – Use for: all still cameras, digital or film.

**Camera Accessory** - Use for: any auxiliary item needed for a camera that is cataloged separately, such as battery, cable, case, tripod, etc.

**Cart** – Use for: book cart, projection cart, AV cart, TV cart, multimedia cart, laptop cart, etc.

**Cassette Player** – a device for playing and/or recording audio cassette tapes.

**CD Player** – a device for playing CDs (compact disks).

**Clicker** – Use for: any component of an audience response system.

**Computer accessory** – Use for: any auxiliary item needed for laptop, desktop or tablet that is cataloged separately, such as batteries, headphones, docking stations, mouses, cases, drives, USB drives, etc.

**DVD player** - a device for recording and playing back video images and sound on a DVD. Use for: DVD players, Blu-Ray players, DVD/Blu-Ray combos, DVD/VCR combos and DVD/CD combos.

**E-book reader** - a special-purpose tablet computer for displaying and reading e-books: it may or may not have other computing capabilities. (Barron's)

**Hotspot** – a portable device used to access the Internet via mobile phone technology.

**Laptop** - a small, lightweight computer (under 8 pounds) with a flip-up screen. Such a computer is powered by rechargeable batteries and is easily portable. (Barron's) Use for: laptop computer and notebook computer.

**Microphone** – Device for converting sound into electrical energy, used in radio broadcasting, recording, and sound amplifying systems. (Columbia)

**MP3 Player** – a device used for playing MP3 files.

**Projector** – a device that is used to project rays of light, especially an apparatus with a system of lenses for projecting slides or film onto a screen. (Oxford) Use for: LCD projector, data projector, computer projector, slide projector, opaque projector, film projector, sound filmstrip projector, and overhead projector, etc.

**Remote Control** – a device that allows one to control a distant piece of equipment, such as a television remote control. (A/V A to Z) For audience response systems, use: Clicker.

**Screen** – Use for: any kind of portable screen or board used to display an image or text, including projection screens, smart boards and white boards.

**Speaker** – device used to convert electrical energy into sound (Columbia). Use for: computer speakers, portable sound systems, stereo speakers, etc.

**Tablet** - a computer roughly the size of a book, without a keyboard, used like a PDA or smartphone except for the full-size screen. The touchscreen functions as a keyboard when needed. For prolonged typing, a normal keyboard can be connected. A popular tablet computer is the Apple iPad. Other tablet computers run Microsoft Windows or Google Android operating systems. Many of them have 3G or 4G wireless access to the Internet through the cellular telephone network. (Barron's)

**Television** – Use for: analog, digital, flat screen or any other kind of television, including TV/VCR or TV/DVD combinations.

**Video Camera** - a camera that records videos. Use for: all video cameras, digital and analog.

**VCR** - a machine that can record analog video signals on to a magnetic cassette tape and play back the tape to display video on a monitor. Full form video cassette recorder. (Dictionary of Computing)

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