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E-books @ University of Lethbridge Library: a snapshot

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E-books @ University of Lethbridge Library: A Snapshot

By Sandra Cowan, David Scott, and the Collections Work Team
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Current Collection and Usage

• 19 e-book providers

• 4 aggregator platforms
  – Ebrary, EBL, MyiLibrary, Ebsco/Netbook

• 11 publisher platforms (title by title purchase)
  – E.g., Elsevier (ScienceDirect), Wiley, Cambridge

• 4 publisher platforms (e-collections)
  – Springer, Oxford Reference Online, Credo, CRCnetBASE
Aggregators: Current E-Book Collection (2014)

- **MyiLibrary**
  - 25,889 books
  - 43%

- **EBSCOHost & NetLibrary**
  - 23,223 books
  - 38%

- **Ebrary**
  - 11,248 books
  - 19%

- **EBL**
  - 120 books
  - 0%
Aggregators: E-Book Use (2014)

- **MyiLibrary**: 73,719 (60%)
- **Ebrary**: 46,866 (38%)
- **EBSCOhost & NetLibrary**: 1,907 (2%)
- **EBL**: 73 (0%)
Publisher: Current E-Book Collection (2014)

- **SpringerLink/Springer/Metapress**: 2,278 (50%)
- **Emerald Insight**: 898 (20%)
- **Credo Reference**: 669 (15%)
- **Morgan & Claypool**: 295 (6%)
- **Others**: 423 (9%)

- SpringerLink/ Springer/ Metapress: 6,021 (41%)
- Credo Reference: 4,844 (33%)
- Oxford Reference Online: 1,630 (11%)
- ScienceDirect/ Elsevier: 676 (5%)
- Gale Virtual Reference Library: 627 (4%)
- Others: 819 (6%)
Uses Per E-Book (2014)*

*Oxford Reference Online (181.11 uses per e-book) omitted
Licensing Considerations

• Licenses vary!
  – Some standard limitations:
    • only authorized users can access
    • cannot override DRM
    • no commercial use
    • no extensive or systematic downloading/copying
    • cannot remove/alter copyright, citation, or trademark info
    • some allowance for downloading and printing
  – COPPUL & CRKN consortial licenses among the best we have (e.g. Wiley, Elsevier)
    • more open, more Canadian-focused
Licensing Considerations

• Things to look for:
  – Who are authorized users?
  – Use for education allowed, as well as personal and research use?
  – Can we use for ILL, coursepacks, e-reserves, Moodle, scholarly sharing?
  – Acknowledgment of non-USA use and law?
  – Are we granted perpetual access?
  – How many users allowed at a time?
  – Nonlinear lending?
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Platform Usability Considerations

• What are the limits on printing/downloading?
• Check-out/download to e-reader options? (e.g., Ebrary)
• Format (PDF, ePUB, html)
• Log-ins required? Extra features with log-in?
• Usability
• Accessibility
• Publisher v. aggregator
Changes coming...

- Changes in DRM management
- E-book lending platforms for academic libraries (e.g., Overdrive; Lexis Nexis digital library)
- Academic press e-book aggregators (e.g., Project Muse, JSTOR)
- Standardization of e-book platforms
- Mergers & acquisitions (e.g., Proquest’s Ebrary absorbed EBL; Proquest took over MyiLibrary)