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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
Current E-Book Collection (2014)

- All Aggregators: 60,480 (93%)
- All Publishers: 4,563 (7%)
Aggregators: Current E-Book Collection (2014)

- **EBSCOhost & NetLibrary**
  - 23,223
  - 38%

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

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

- **EBL**
  - 120
  - 0%
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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<td>“Educational use” permitted; no privacy clause for patrons, but privacy clause for MyiLibrary; smallest download/print allowance.</td>
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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)