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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)

- MyiLibrary: 25,889 (43%)
- EBSCOhost & NetLibrary: 23,223 (38%)
- Ebrary: 11,248 (19%)
- EBL: 120 (0%)
Publishers: Current E-Book Collection (2014)

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