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E-books @ University of Lethbridge

Library: a snapshot

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Downloaded from OPUS, University of Lethbridge Research Repository
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%)
E-Book Use (2014)

- All Aggregators: 122,565 (89%)
- All Publishers: 14,617 (11%)
Aggregators: Current E-Book Collection (2014)

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

- MyiLibrary: 73,719 (60%)
- Ebrary: 46,866 (38%)
- EBL: 73 (0%)
- EBSCOhost & NetLibrary: 1,907 (2%)

- 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-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)