

E-books @ University of Lethbridge Library: A Snapshot

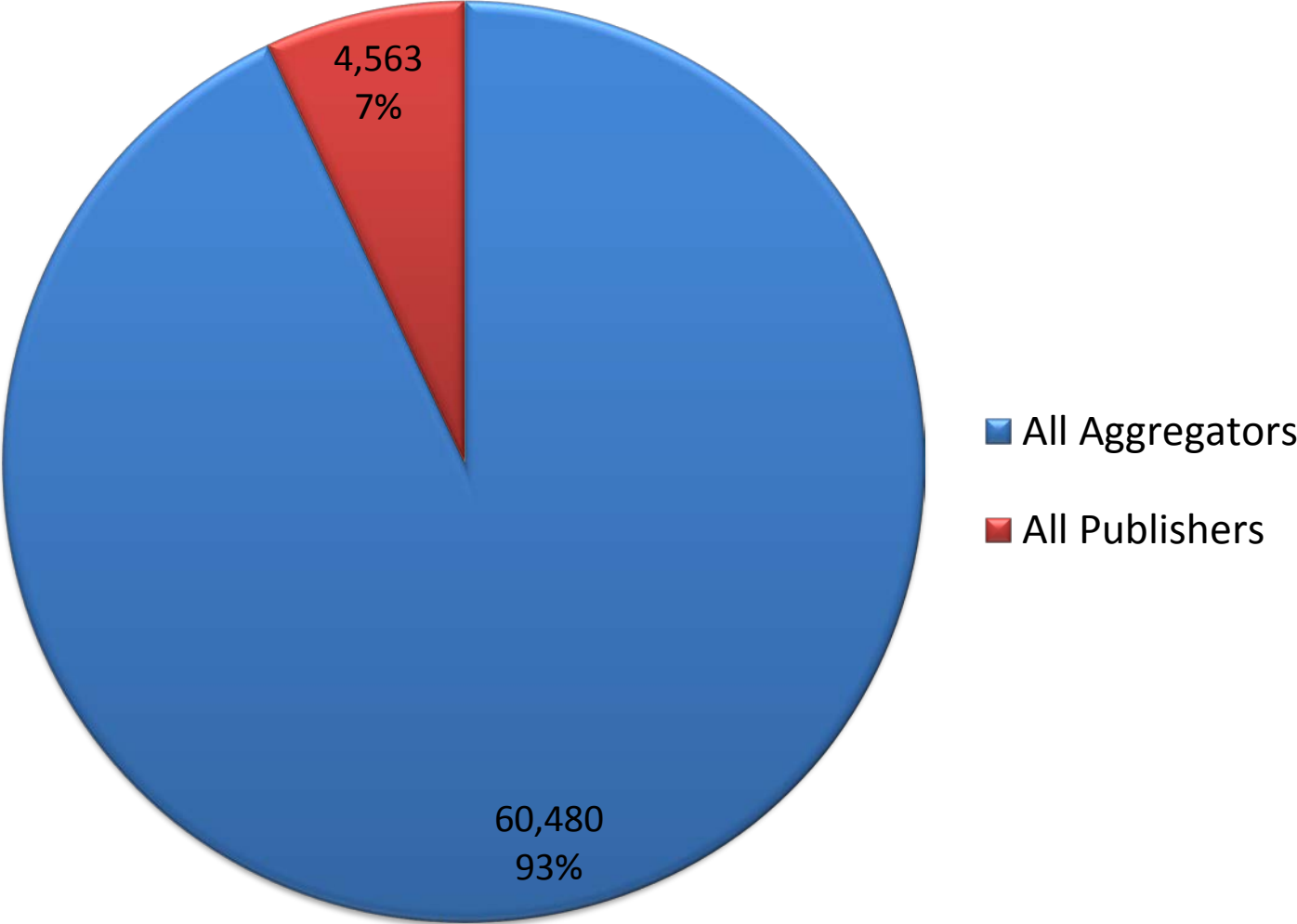


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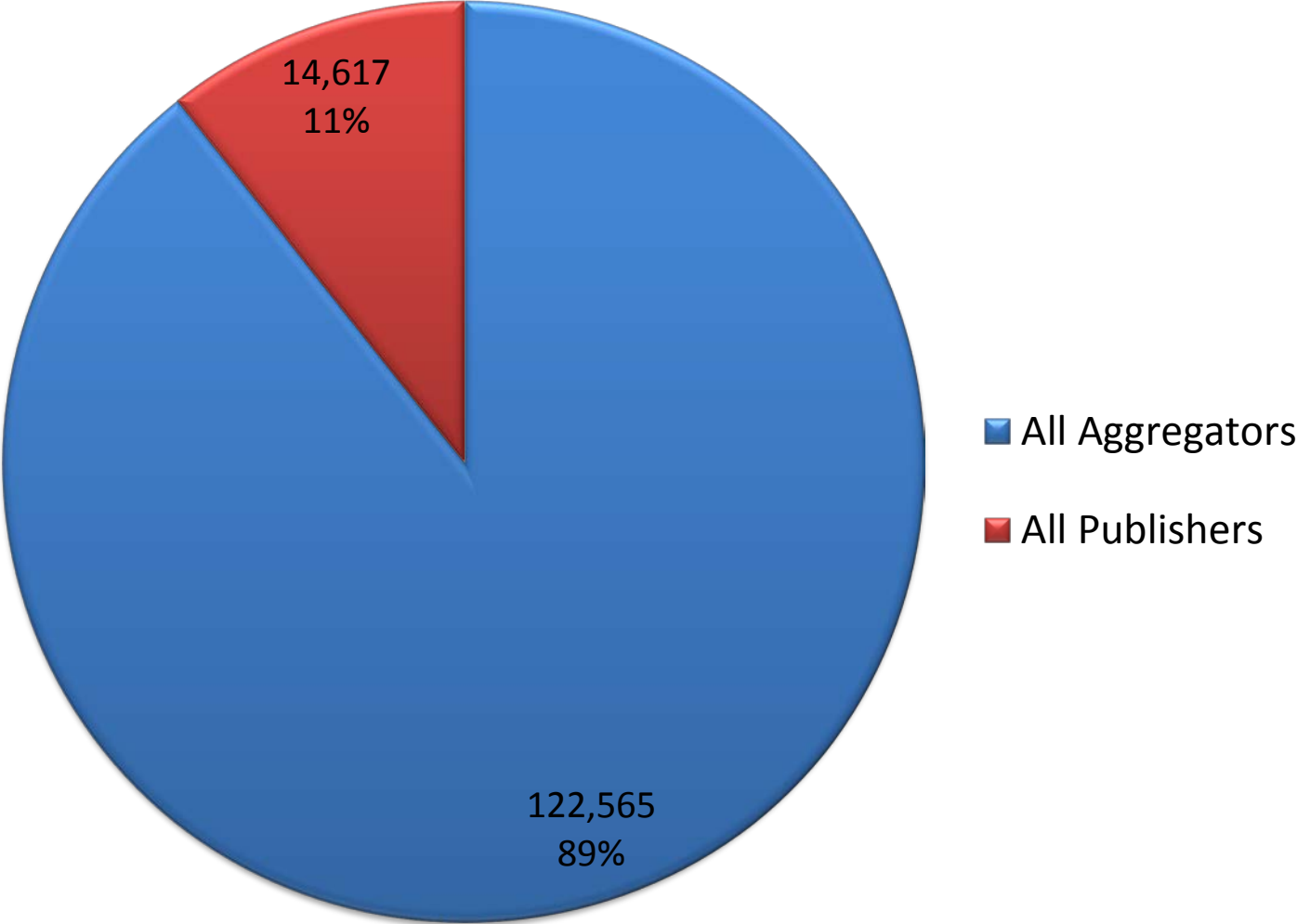
Current Collection and Usage

- 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

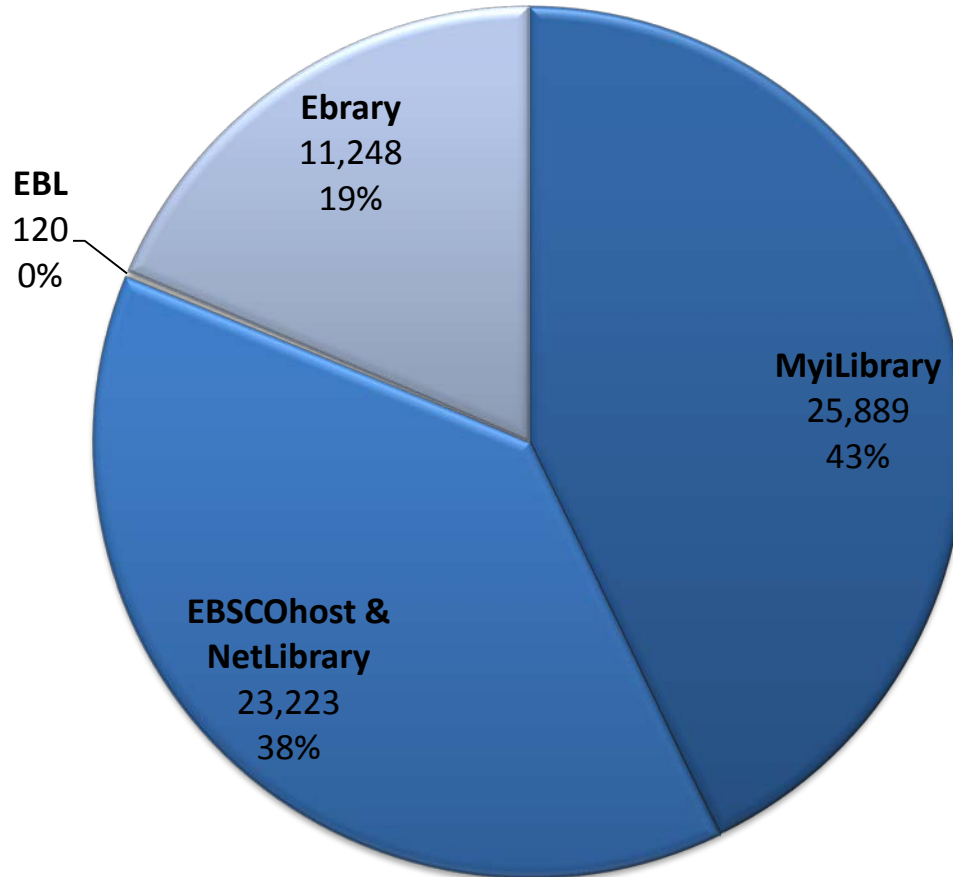
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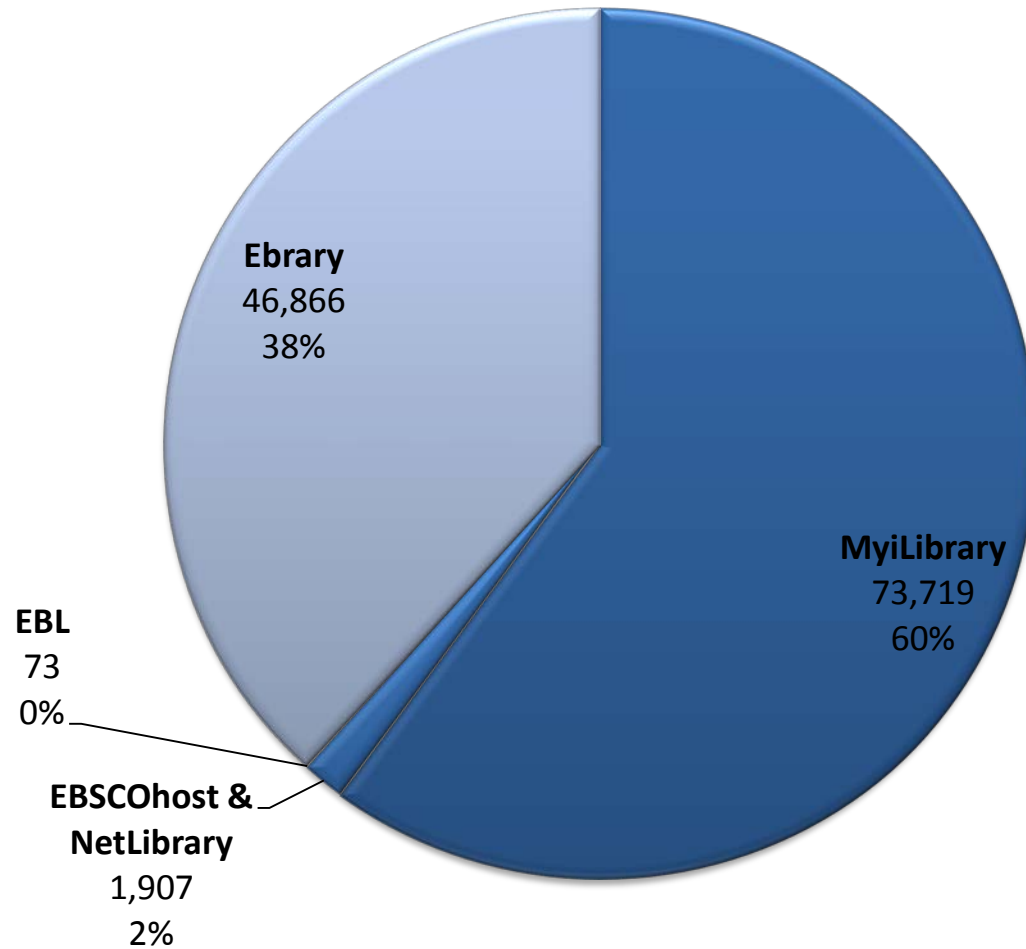
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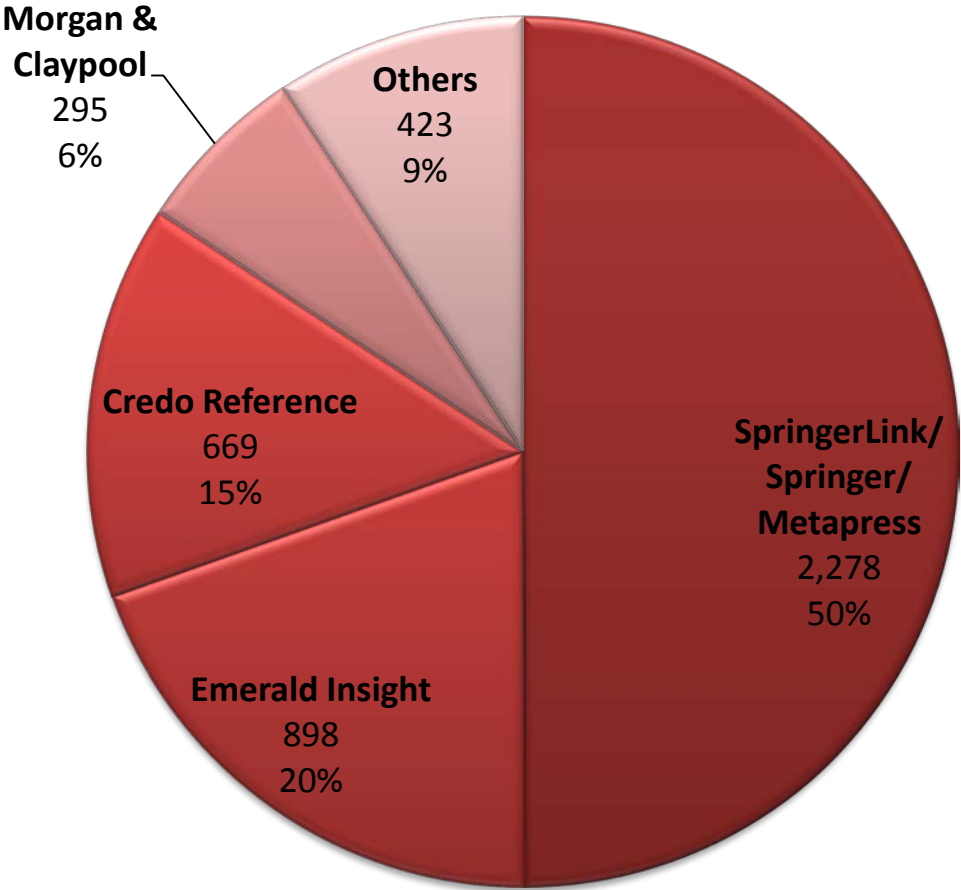
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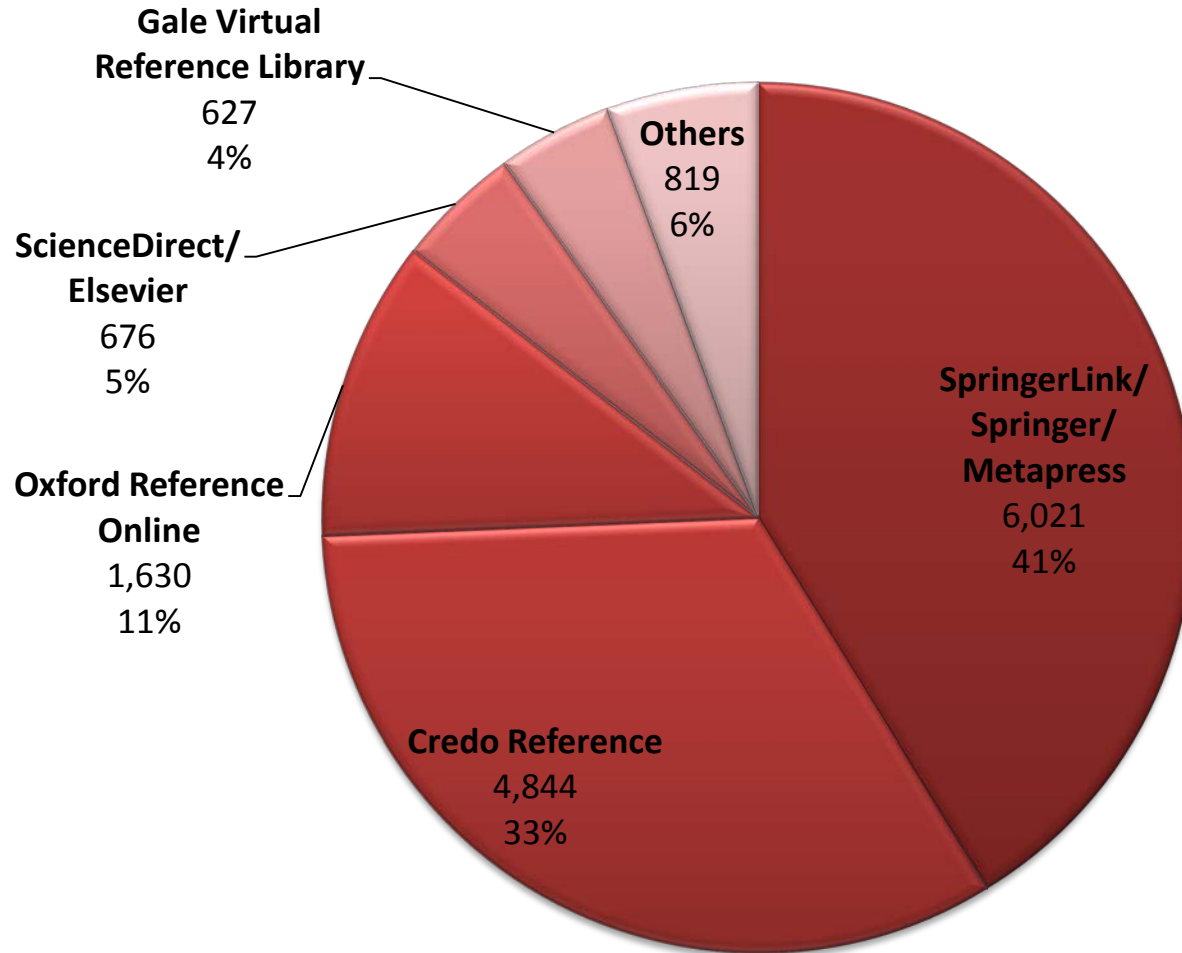
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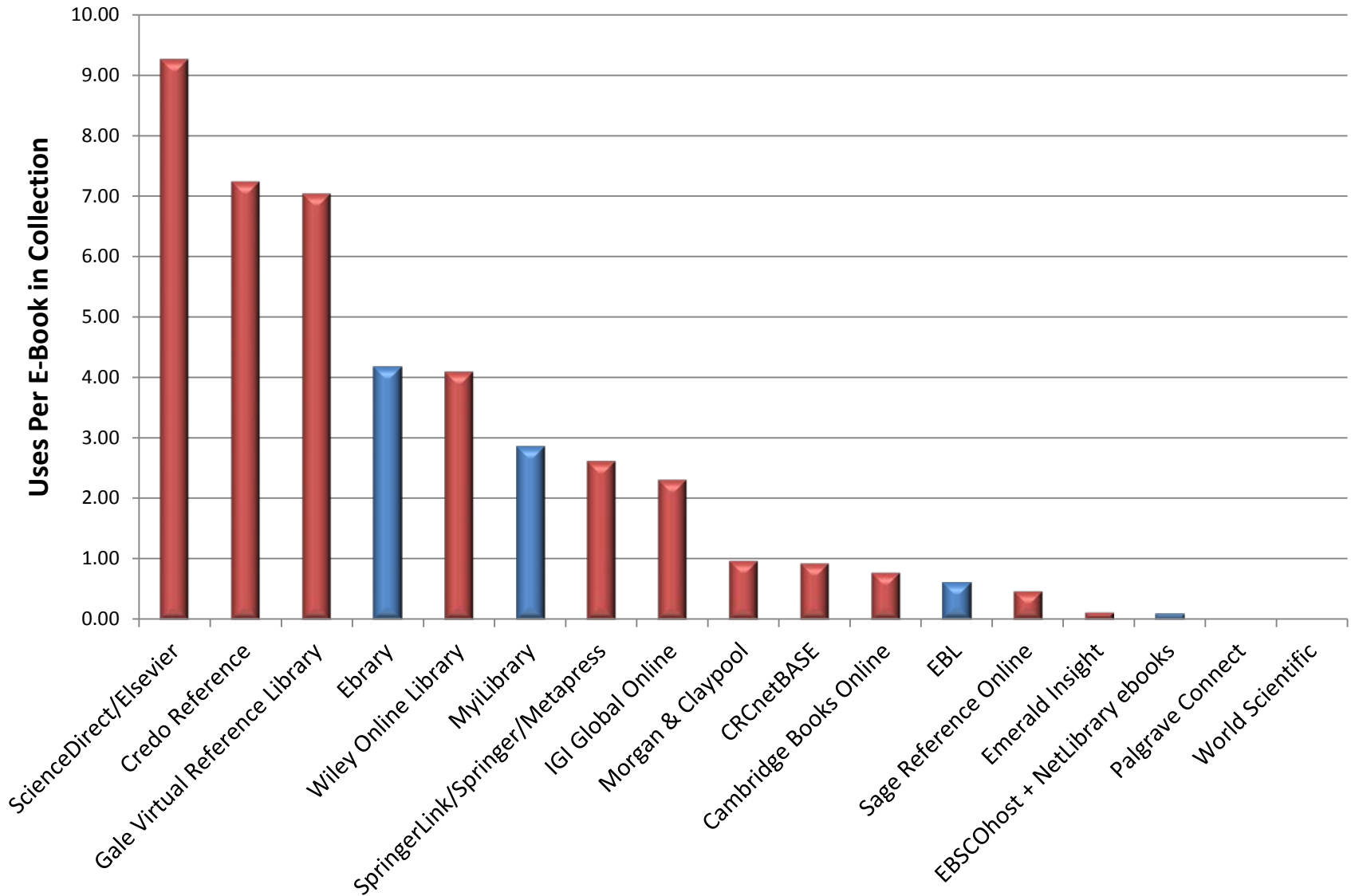
Publishers: Current E-Book Collection (2014)



Publishers: E-Book Use (2014)



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?

	Ebrary	EBL	EbscoHost/ NetLibrary	MyiLibrary
# Users	1, 3, 10	3 or Non-linear lending (325 uses/year)	1, 3, multiple (unlimited)	1, 3
ILL	Yes	No	No	No
Moodle, e-reserve	USA fair use or linking only	Can put book on e-reserve, takes it out of circulation	USA fair use	No
Coursepacks, print reserve	USA fair use	1 chapter	USA fair use	No
Scholarly sharing	Yes	No	No	No
	Our current DDA option; new “check-out” option.	Must sign in, due to non-linear lending.	No privacy clause.	“Educational use” permitted; no privacy clause for patrons, but privacy clause for MyiLibrary; smallest download/print allowance.

	Publisher Platforms
# Users	Usually unlimited
ILL	Usually yes
Moodle, e-reserve	Usually yes
Coursepacks, print reserve	Usually yes
Scholarly sharing	Some
	Usually chapter by chapter PDFs; usually no option to “check out” or download entire book.

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)