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Patron Driven Acquisition and eBooks Research Project

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Patron Driven Acquisition of eBooks

eBook Research Project



eBooks@Flinders - context

- Feasibility Study (2001)
- First eBook order (2002)
- eBooks@Adelaide (2003)
- Lippincott Clinical Choice Collection (2004)
- Harrisons Online (2004)
- Wiley Interscience (2004)
- Oxford Textbook of Medicine (2004)



What we have now

- Owned eBooks 37,576 (includes 2,037 purchased EBL titles)
- Total eBooks 114,271 (includes the purchased titles above, plus ebooks via PDA and subscriptions, but does not include free ebooks)



Patron Driven Acquisitions

- EBL (Ebook Library) invoiced via James Bennett
- Over 83,000 titles
- Unmediated STLs (Short Term Loans)
- Auto purchase on 4th access



Document Delivery / Collection Development

- Activated 153 requested titles where the cost of a short term loan was less than \$33
- The average cost of a short term loan has been tracking at between \$7.50-\$8.25
- Activated 354 titles requested by Liaison Librarians or academics



Title cost – an example

Love's Knowledge : Essays on Philosophy and Literature

1 Day loan = \$9.00 US 7 Day loan = \$12.00 US

3 x 7 Day STLs = \$36.00 US

Purchase price = \$60.00 + the cost of the STLs Total cost = \$96.00 US

Total cost of 3 Document Delivery loans between **\$49.50 - \$99.00 AUD** (\$45.58 / \$91.17 US)

If subsequently purchased, total cost between **\$101.31- \$147.36 US**



Costs

Total cost: US\$30,590.24 (Budget: A\$40,000)

2012 EBL expenditure (includes half-year PDA trial): A\$62,831.00

2011 EBL expenditure:

A\$61,081.00



Patron selected vs Librarian selected

- 368 auto purchases eBooks used by patrons 4 + times
- 153 Document Delivery activations (approx. 10 auto purchases)
- 354 activations from LL/academic requests (approx. 15 auto purchases)



eBooks@Flinders – Research Project



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Research Working Group

Take leadership in the development of a culture of research and professional reflection in Flinders University Library.

Support members of the group to undertake a research project.

Arrange training and similar activities which benefit all professional staff.



Research Working Group

Exploring Student Information Seeking Behaviours through the Review and Re-Design of the Library Assignment, 2011-2012.

Exploring collaboration with the Screen and Media students to create cutting edge educational and promotional material for the library, 2011-2012.

eBooks and Patron Driven Acquisition (PDA).

Fridays at the Library in the context of the Library's Community Engagement program

Assessing Information Literacy in first year Science students

Librarians Engaging with Researchers as Researchers: The Flinders Filters Experience

Assessing the impact of the Research Working Group



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Project team:

Deb Zott, Metadata/Acquisitions Services Librarian

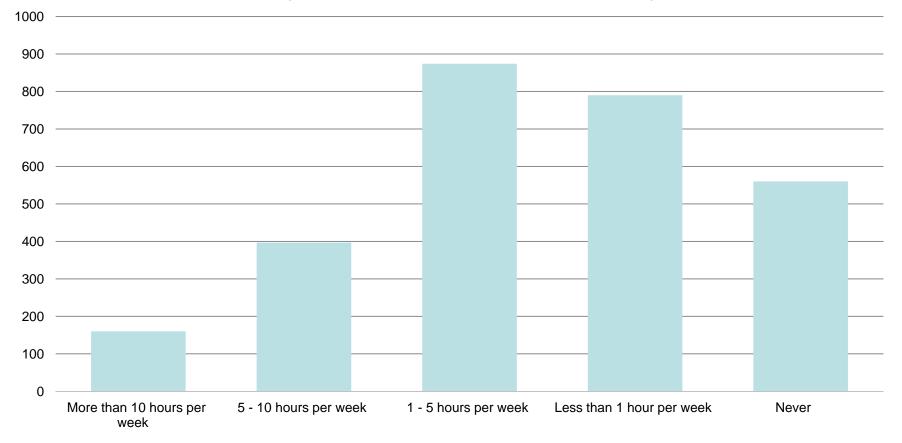
Chris Moore, Acquisitions Librarian

Aliese Millington, Liaison Librarian for the Humanities



Patron use

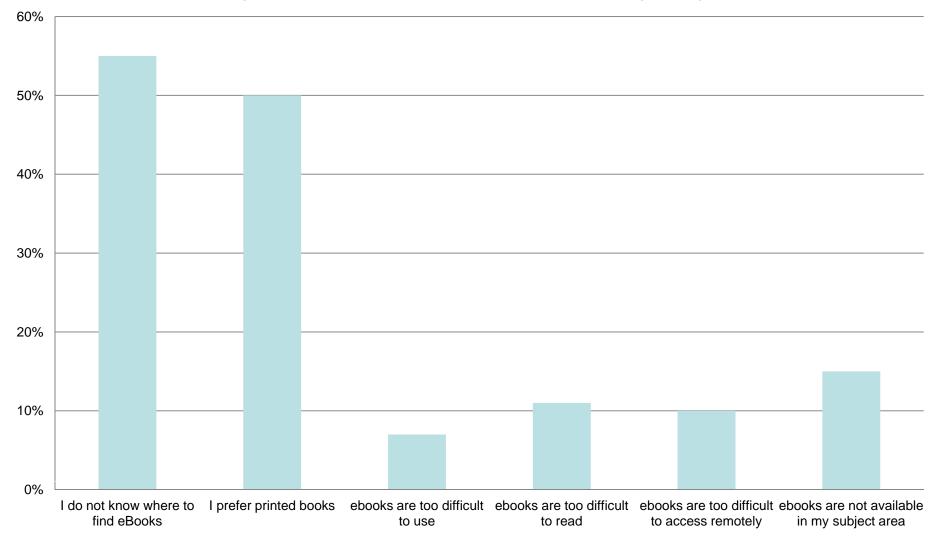
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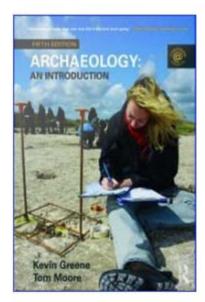




Patron use

If you never use ebooks in the Library, why?





E-book Options



How do I open this eBook?



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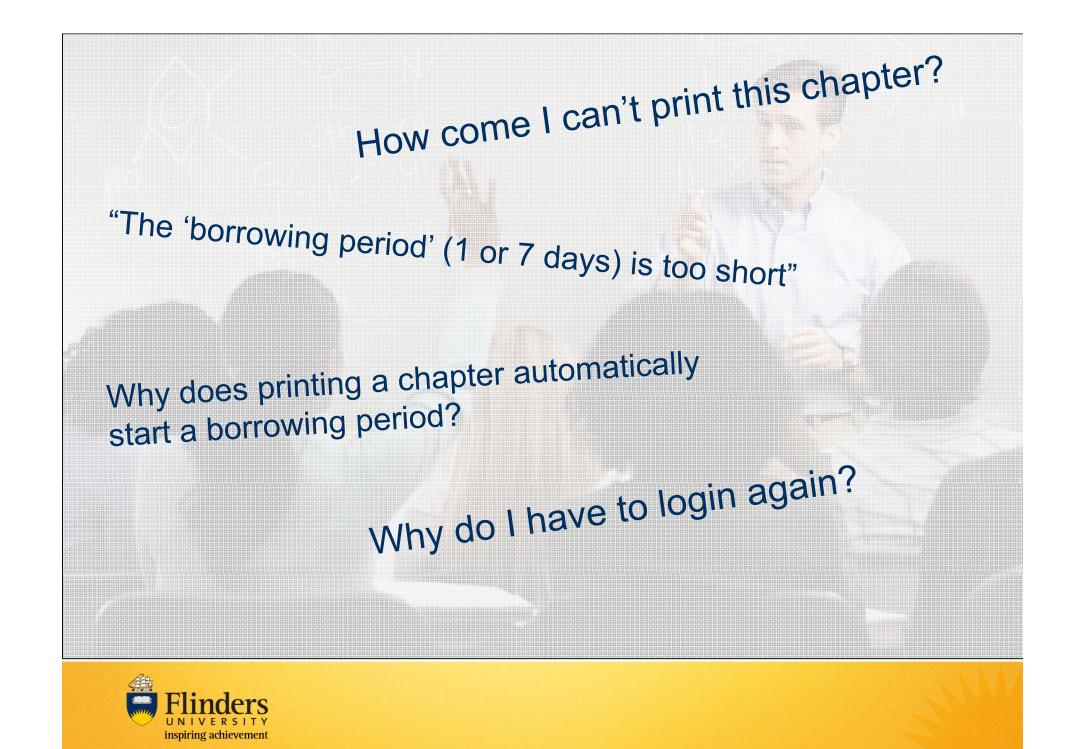


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eBooks@Flinders Research project

- **Project focus:** How are eBooks faring in the Library in terms of collection use (includes acquisition, usage, issues, etc)?
- **Project scope:** Internal/external, part-time/full time students and staff of Flinders University (self-selecting).
- Project plan: Students/staff surveyed on eBook awareness/ issues etc. From survey results some invited to take part in targeted information literacy training. Students/staff surveyed again post training to gauge effectiveness.





Tell us how you feel about eBooks!

The Flinders Library wants to make the eBook experience better for YOU. Never used one? Use them everyday? The Library wants to know!

Visit the link below to take part in the Library's survey on use and awareness of eBooks! It only takes 5 mins.

http://www.flinders.edu.au/library/survey.cfm



FLINDERS UNIVERSITY LIBRARY EBOOK USAGE SURVEY

1. Are you aware that you can access many ebooks through the Library, in addition to electronic journals and e-readings for courses?

- not aware
- moderately aware
- o well aware

2. If a print copy of a book is available as well as an ebook, do you:

- prefer print
- prefer ebook
- either is acceptable
- it depends (please specify below)

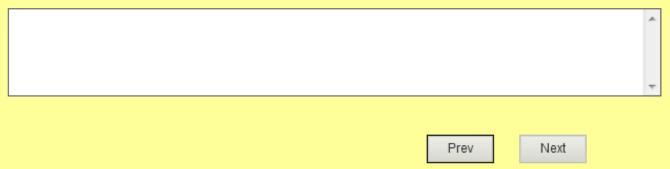
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FLINDERS UNIVERSITY LIBRARY EBOOK USAGE SURVEY

4. If you have never used ebooks provided by the Library, is this because: (choose more than one as applicable)

- you prefer print
- you are not confident in using ebooks
- you cannot find ebooks through the Library
- there are no ebooks in your subject
- you do not regard them as a scholarly source
- you have been advised against using them
- other (please specify below)

Comments



Some initial themes

Many patrons are using eBooks and having no trouble – they've moved on to identifying parts of the interface they'd like changed.

"It seems pretty straightforward to me" "Already confident, but I find some of the search options less than ideal"



Some initial themes

Print is still preferred, but only just

The survey alerted some patrons to the existence of eBooks@Flinders

Reading on a computer/device is disliked



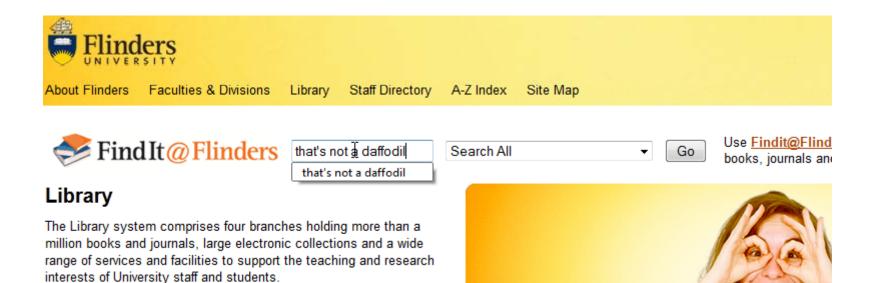
Some initial themes

Having many different eBook platforms and differences in access/restrictions around downloading can be confusing and annoying

Training or help would be best online or on the phone







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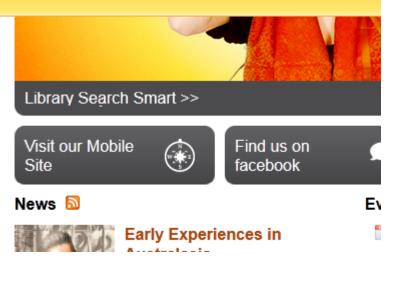
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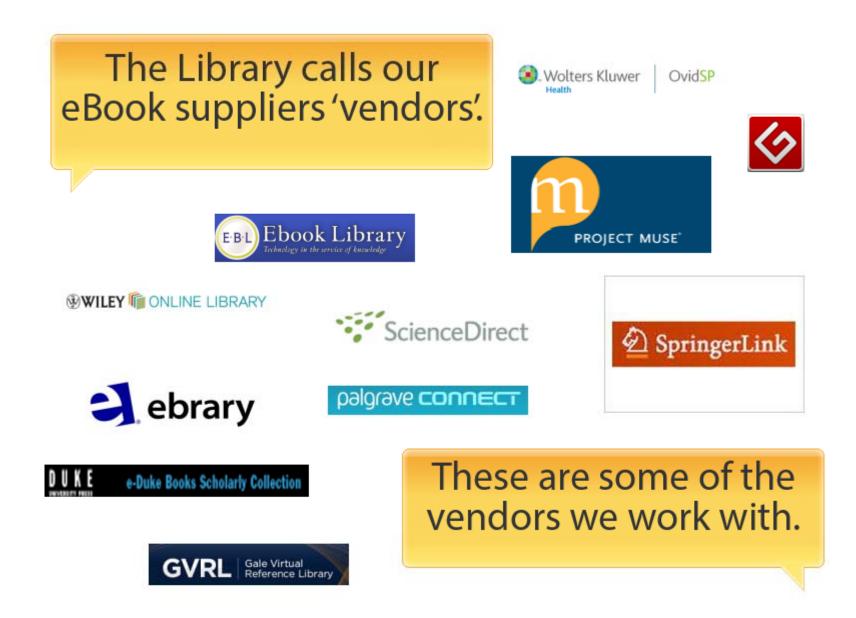
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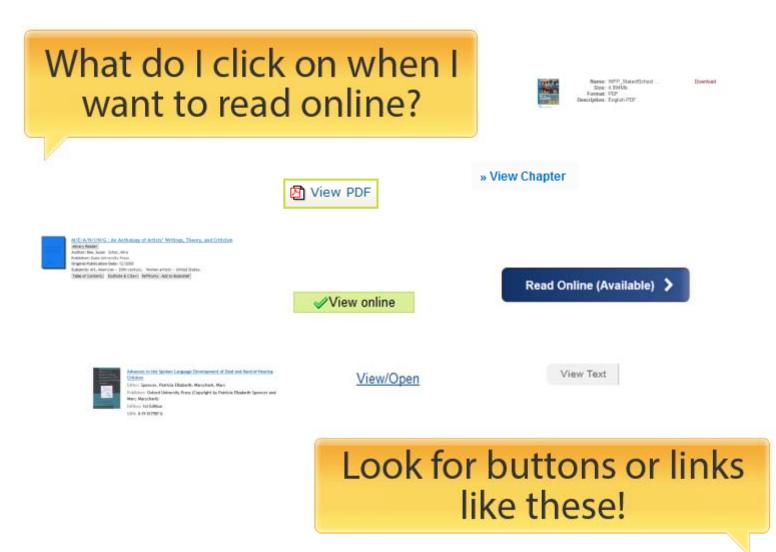
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Where to from here?

- Follow up survey (has the training helped?)
- Analyse all results
- Write up and roll out training aids to Liaison Librarians (to go to wider University community)



Thank you!



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