

Discovering e-books: a view from the academic library

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Background: how we got here



- XreferPlus from 2002/03
- E-books project 2004-2006
 - Investigate potential of e-books in HE
 - Trials of Ebrary and Taylor & Francis
 - Minimum purchase of NetLibrary titles
 - Surveys of staff and students

Key points from project



- Awareness generally low, especially amongst staff
- NetLibrary model not liked
- Difficult to interest staff in purchasing
- Students loved Ebrary
- Little awareness of/use of tools

Current provision



- Credo reference (100 titles)
- Ebrary academic collection (c 34k) plus 420 purchased
- Static NetLibrary collection (96 titles)
- MyiLibrary from June 07(c.800 titles)
- Plus oddments



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Author/Editor: Hare, Geoffrey.

ISBN: 1859736572 1859736629

Subject: [Sports science](#) --- [Leisure and tourism](#)

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Ebrary usage: summary data



	Sessions	Documents viewed	Pages viewed
2004/5	9,955	8,769	112,441
2005/6	78,981	66,743	1,073,945
2006/7	119,845	98,723	1,572,875

NetLibrary usage 06/07



Subject	Accesses
Business, Economics and Management	121
Computer Science	441
General Works and Reference	24
Law	76
Medicine	3
Networking and Telecommunications	29
Philosophy	7
Social Sciences: General	293
Sports and Recreation	3
Technology/engineering	33
TOTAL	1,030

Access by Faculty 06/07(%)



	Ebrary	NetLibrary
Business	17	12
Creative & Cultural Industries	6	4
Science	14	12
Technology	21	32
Humanities & Social Studies	42	40

Comparative data



	Ebrary	NetLibrary	MyiLibrary
Sessions per copy	46.26 (06/07)	12.46 (06/07)	10.72 (07/08)
Cost per title (£)	0.75 (access charge only, titles not owned)	5.14 (annual charge only; titles owned. When original cost included, cost per title 42.70)	123.91 (Titles owned)
Cost per session (£)	0.21 (06/07)	0.46 (3.97) (06/07)	9.97 (07/08)

Aspects of visibility...



- Existence of e-books
- Awareness of our collections
- Finding the RIGHT e-book



How might we do better?



- More aggregation: further development of ELIN or similar
- Integration: VLE, Talis List, portals
- Publicise developments e.g. new titles
- Promotions: 'e-book of the month', 'top ten' etc.
- Blogs etc.: online book groups?
- Peer communication: social networking

How can the industry help?



- Aggregation/integration
- Increase coverage in A&I databases???
- ‘Deconstruction’ – index chapters
- Search innovations e.g. concept maps
- Linking e.g. ‘have you also tried...?’
- Lighten up about printing/copying
- Hardware developments e.g. hand-held