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To e-book or not to e-book?

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E-book Landscape at UIUC

- Approximately 300,000 volumes
- Multiple providers, including: Gale, NetLibrary, Safari, Springer, Wiley, Greenwood Press, ACLS...
- Multiple models



Surveying our Users

- 2008 survey collaboration with Springer
- 47,000 students, faculty, and staff contacted via mass e-mail
- 1,547 responses



Have not Used e-books

- 41% were unaware e-books were available
- 18% indicated that they had not needed to do so.
- 15% do not like to read from the screen
- 10% stated that they did not know how to find e-books
- 7% indicated they preferred printed books
- 5% stated they could not find e-book titles applicable to their research need
- 3% stated that they only use e-journals.



Knowledge of e-books

- 55% of the Respondents knew that they have Access to e-books through the Library.

55% of Faculty

53% of the Graduate Students

61% of the Undergraduate Students



Usage of e-books

- 57% of the Respondents had used e-books.

59.5% of Faculty

60% of the Graduate Students

55.5% of the Undergraduates



Breakdown of e-book usage

- 22% of e-book users used them either daily or weekly
- 78% of users of e-books use them for research purposes
- 56% of e-book users used them for study purposes
- 85% of e-book users found them to be useful



Open Comments

- Disadvantages of e-books
- Advantages of e-books
- How to improve e-books



By the Numbers

- Springer e-books: 2007 = 26,675 chapter requests, 2008: 82,622 chapter requests.
- Wiley Online Books: 2007 = 2,948 viewed table of contents, 3,004 viewed chapter summaries, and 4,631 viewed chapter texts. 2008 = 3,012 viewed table of contents, 5,579 viewed chapter summaries, and 3,706 viewed chapter texts.
- Gale: 2007 GVRL = 3,612 full text items, and 2008: GVRL = 7,643 full text items.
- ACLS History e-books: 2007 total views = 15,807, and 2008 total views = 42,641.
- Safari e-books 2007: = 80,422 chapter requests, 2008 = 47,277 chapter requests.
- Net Library: 2007 = 3,637 accesses and 2008 = 2,535 accesses.



Discoverability

- MARC records
- A-Z lists
- Federated Searching
- Open URL
- Abstracting and Indexing Services
- Google Book Search



MARC

- Single record
- Vendor records
- Only local changes



A-Z lists

- Adding to our local A-Z by pulling data from SFX
- Constantly begging Ex Libris to add e-book indexing to their A-Z list



Taking advantage of what we know

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E-book Management

- ILS Acquisitions
- OPAC
- ERMS



Continued Challenges

- Discoverability
- Multiple models, and the legacy of print
- Standard formats for multiple devices
- Interlibrary loan
- Ourselves



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