E-Books_Graduate Students

1.

Electronic books ('e-books') are books that can be read on a computer screen using Adobe Acrobat or similar software. You may have already used them, either by accessing the free titles that are available on the internet, purchasing them through a bookseller such as Amazon, or accessing e-book subscriptions from York University Libraries (YUL).

YUL York buys e-books from different publishers which reside on different platforms and have varying functionality. The libraries would like input on your use of e-books and some features that you would like to see in e-books.

The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. Your time and help in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

2. Default Section

1. Status at York

  ȷ͏ɲ Full-time

  ȷ͏ɲ Part-time

  ȷ͏ɲ Other (please specify)

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2. Level of Study

  ȷ͏ɲ Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

  ȷ͏ɲ Masters

  ȷ͏ɲ Graduate Diploma

  ȷ͏ɲ Graduate Certificate

  ȷ͏ɲ Other (please specify)

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3. Do you use e-books?

  ȷ͏ɲ Yes

  ȷ͏ɲ No

4. Are you aware that the libraries subscribe to various e-books from different content providers and/or publishers?

  ȷ͏ɲ Yes

  ȷ͏ɲ No

5. York University Libraries subscribes to the following e-book packages from content providers and publishers. Which of these e-books have you used online?

- Springer E-books
- RSC Chemistry E-books
- Knovel
- Books24x7 Engineering Pro
- Books24x7 It Pro
- Safari Books Online
- Synthesis Engineering E-Books
- Lecture Notes in Mathematics
- Lecture Notes in Computer Science
- Oxford Scholarship Online
- Books24x7 Engineering Pro
- Books24x7 It Pro
- Books@Ovid
- Canadian Health Research Collection
- NetLibrary
- MyiLibrary
- CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics
- Handbook of Environmental Chemistry
- Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry
- Encyclopedia of Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Wiley Encyclopedia of Life Sciences
- Encyclopedia Britannica Online
- Oxford Reference Online
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

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6. How do you usually find and access E-books?

- Library Catalogue
- New books blog
- New books title list
- Peers
- Library orientation
- E-mail notification from the library
- Posters and other promotional material
- Library newsletter
- Subject Research Guide
- This survey
- Other (please specify)

7. In a typical session, how long do you spend reading an e-book from the screen?

- More than 20 minutes
- 11-20 minutes
- 6-20 minutes
- 3-5 minutes
- Less than 3 minutes
- Other (please specify)

8. How much of that e-book did you read online in one sitting?

- I read the whole book
- I read several chapters
- I read one whole chapter
- I read less than one chapter
- I browsed through the book

9. In case you teach courses, do you recommend or actively encourage your students to use e-books? (please tick as many boxes as apply)

- ☐ Yes, e-books are on my reading lists or handouts
- ☐ Yes, e-books are included as course reserve material
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not Applicable
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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10. Which of the following best describes your subject interests?

- ☐ Kinesiology & Health Sciences
- ☐ Mathematics & Statistics
- ☐ Biology
- ☐ Chemistry
- ☐ ESSE
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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11. How important are the following features to e-books?

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Ability for more than one student to use an e-book at the same time	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ability to email text	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ability to share notes	☐	☐	☐	☐
Annotating	☐	☐	☐	☐
24/7 access	☐	☐	☐	☐
Off-campus access	☐	☐	☐	☐
Formatted citations in APA, MLA etc	☐	☐	☐	☐
Capability to print/download sections of content, such as chapter or page range	☐	☐	☐	☐
Capability to search by series, such as "Lecture Notes in Computer Science"	☐	☐	☐	☐
Capability to search for images, and also content within tables	☐	☐	☐	☐
Capability to plug data into tables that are "active"; i.e. manipulation of new data	☐	☐	☐	☐
Collaborative tools	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Downloading to hand held device	jn	jn	jn	jn
Downloading to laptop	jn	jn	jn	jn
Highlighting within retrieved results of terms used to conduct search	jn	jn	jn	jn
Hyperlinks to citations in books or links to other books	jn	jn	jn	jn
Personal bookshelf	jn	jn	jn	jn
Shared bookshelves	jn	jn	jn	jn
Zoom and scale	jn	jn	jn	jn

Other (please specify)

12. Is there anything that you want to add regarding print or electronic books?