# E-books: Selecting, Workflows, and Discovering

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# What Not Covering Today

Readers

- Textbooks (specifically)
- Licensing
- Digital Rights Management
- User Interfaces

#### History

- Project Gutenberg 1971, Michael Hart
  - Manually typed from print
- Full-Text Content started entering libraries early 1990s
- By 1990s we had our first readers
- Google Books

#### Almost there, almost there...



















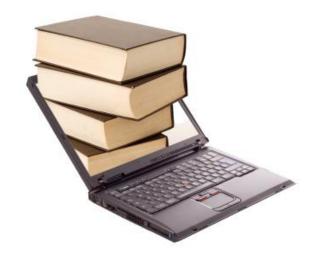






#### What are E-books?

- A. Book
- B. Database
- c. Serial
- D. All of the Above



# No, really what are they?

- Digitized print book (A)
- Born digital monograph(A)
- Multimedia reference resource static OR continually updated (A, C)
- Collection of e-books (static or regularly updated) (D)
- And more...

# E-book preference?

- E-reader use on rise fiction
- Search functionality and navigation are critical
  - Entire resource searchable, no sequencing, no indexes

24/7 access is important

#### Deciding to "do" e-books

- Why do you want to provide e-books?
- What benefits are in it for your users?
- Are your patrons ready?

#### Communicate!

- Get everyone in the room to talk about possibilities, decisions, consequences, changes...
  - Systems
  - IT
  - Catalogers
  - Acquisitions
  - Administration
  - Anyone else that might be involved...

# **Access Philosophy**

#### How do you want users to access?

- Does your library believe everything should be in catalog?
- Do you think multiple portals are okay?
  - If so, which portals?
- Is there content you want primarily print or electronic?

#### **Selection Considerations**

- Publisher/vendor relationship
- MUPO vs. SUPO
- Interface / mobile
- Ownership vs. Subscription
- Format of e-book
- And all of the recent announcements
  - Overdrive and HarperCollins

#### **Acquisitions Considerations**

- Pricing models
  - Subscription
  - One-time payment
- Budget structure
  - New or existing accounts?
- Fund structure
  - Single e-book fund
  - Dispersed by dept.
  - By format
- System codes



#### Variety makes it fun!

- E-book collections (Database?)
  - One-time purchase
  - Subscription with continual updates (Serial?)
- Individual title purchased/leased (Book?)
  - One-time purchase (aggregators/publishers)
  - Subscription with continual updates (serial/standing orders)

# **Acquisitions Workflow**

- Create order
  - Assign Codes
- Assign funds
- Assign ongoing fees



# **Cataloging Considerations**

- Batch records from vendor
- Specific metadata needs
- Include how & where to access in record
  - Specific mobile devices that can be used
- Where to create access
- How to code format?
  - Continuing Resource
  - Book
  - Electronic Resource

#### **Standards**

- PCC's Provider-Neutral E-Monograph MARC Record Guide
  - http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/bibco/PN-Guide.pdf
- PCC's MARC Record Guide for Monograph Aggregator Vendors
  - http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/sca/FinalVendorGuid
     e.pdf

#### **Systems Considerations**

- New codes?
  - Cataloging, Acquisitions, Stats, Findability...
- Loading vendor records?
  - Load tables
  - Field mapping
  - Scheduling updates
- Storing owned copy
- Access
  - IP & Proxy

# E-book Management Did someone say ERM?

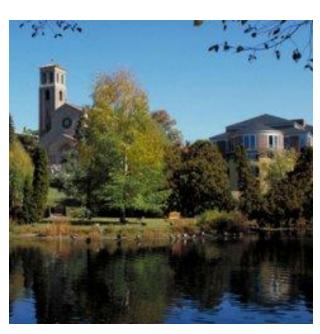
- Updates
  - To content
  - To Records
- Maintain links
- Maintain access
  - Web interface
  - Reader Apps
- Licenses
- Some ERMs are integrating e-books...

#### **Patron Driven Acquisition**

- Provide access to many resources, but only pay for those that are used
- Transparent to user, don't even know if and when their click "purchases" the item
- Aggregators & Book vendors

# St. Catherine University

- Private, Catholic University
- Undergraduate College for Women
- 5,328 students
  - 3,830 undergraduate
  - 1,498 graduate
- 261 faculty
- Association, Bachelor, Masters, Doctoral
- Two Campuses: St. Paul, Minneapolis
- Part of 8 library consorium (CLIC)



#### St. Kate's e-book history

- NetLibrary collection
- Credo Reference
  - Cataloger updates records in ILS when notified
- Oxford Reference
  - Package and individual titles
  - Cataloger updates records in ILS when notified
- Multiple Reference packages
  - Sage Encyclopedia, Cambridge Histories

# Current e-book philosophy

- Reference materials in e-format when possible
- Minimize vendors/interfaces
- Funds/Accounts are varied
- Catalog all that is possible
  - No batch records right now
  - Vendor neutral records
- Additional access through web page/database page

#### **Vendor Selection**

- Has the content
- Response and turn around time
- Purchasing model
  - One-time fee
  - Annual access fees
  - Annual subscription cost
- Searchability

#### **Current Workflow - Selection**

- Selection for bigger ticket items done collectively
- Reference resources by Reference & Collection Development librarian
- Non-reference resources content by selectors, format decision by selector and Collection Development librarian
- OASIS, Coutt's online collection development tool

#### **Current Workflow - Acquisitions**

- Creates order in ILS
  - Fund codes
- Initiates order with vendor/publisher
  - Coutts MyiLibrary
  - Publisher
  - Regional Consortia (MINITEX)
- License
- Provides information to Electronic Resources Librarian

#### **Current Workflow - Systems**

- Electronic Resources Librarian
  - Creates access
    - Proxy
    - e-book webpage
    - Reference Universe
  - Integrates into Knowledgebase when possible\*\*
  - Gives information to Cataloging Librarian

#### **Current Workflow - Cataloging**

- Full cataloging
  - Uses or creates vendor neutral bibliographic records
  - Provides custom information as necessary
  - Adds proxy information to URL field
- Updates records for collections
  - Three times a year to ensure current resources reflected in catalog

# Coutts, MyiLibrary, and CLIC

- Consortial arrangement with Coutts
- E-books purchased through OASIS with MUPO accessible to all users of 8 institutions
- Currently the plan is for each library to select titles individually and not as a group (or package).

#### Future at St. Kate's

 Begin to expand access to non-reference materials this Fall

- Pilot project in patron driven acquisition
  - Medical discipline(s)
- Primarily use MyiLibrary for e-book purchasing

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