

E-Books at York University

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. Faculty status at York

Full-time

Part-time

2. How many years have you been teaching?

0-5

6-10

11-15

15-20

More than 20

3. Do you use e-books?

Yes

No

4. Are you aware that York University Libraries subscribe to e-book packages from different content providers and/or publishers?

Yes

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)

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

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. Do you recommend or actively encourage your students to use e-book materials?
(please tick as many boxes as apply)

Yes, e-book are included in a Learning Management System (such as WebCT or Moodle)

Yes, e-book are on my reading lists or handouts

Yes, e-book are included as course reserve material

No

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

Kinesiology & Health Sciences

Mathematics & Statistics

Biology

Chemistry

ESSE

Other (please specify)

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to email text	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to share notes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annotating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24/7 access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Formatted citations in APA, MLA etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capability to print/download sections of content, such as chapter or page range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capability to search by series, such as "Lecture Notes in Computer Science"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capability to search for images, and also content within tables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capability to plug data into tables that are "active"; i.e. manipulation of new data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collaborative tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copying and pasting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DOI for each chapter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Hyperlinks to citations in books or links to other books	jn	jn	jn	jn
Off-campus access	jn	jn	jn	jn
Personal bookshelf	jn	jn	jn	jn
Shared bookshelves	jn	jn	jn	jn
Zoom and scale	jn	jn	jn	jn

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