Tearing Down the Walls: Demand for E-Books in an Academic Library

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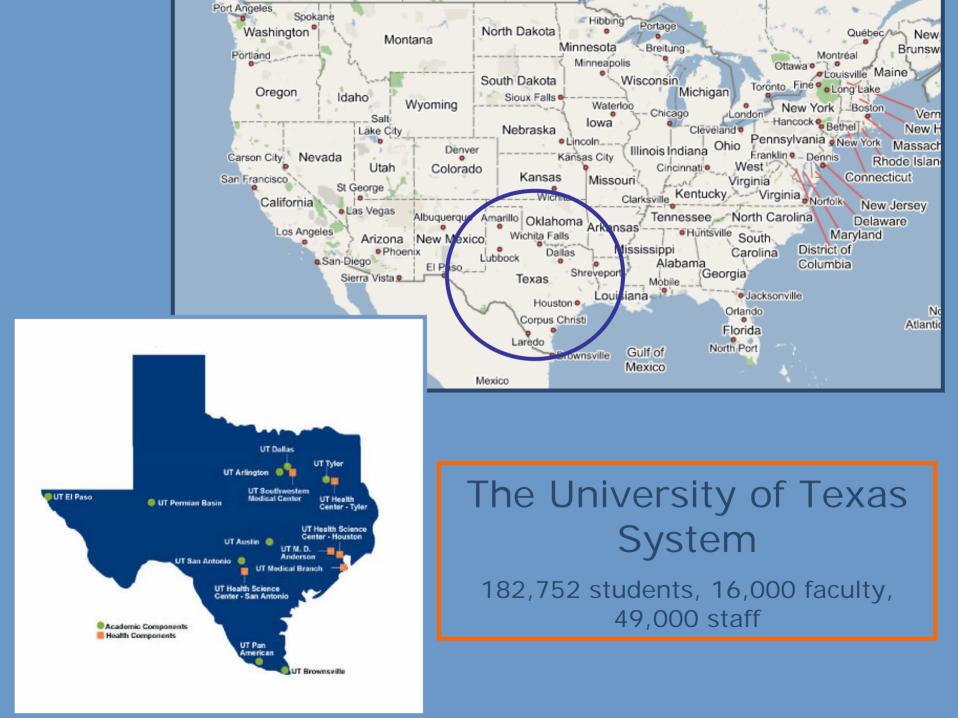


Overview

- Resurgence of E-Books
- Short History of UT-Dallas Libraries
- History of E-Book Collecting
- The Collection and E-Book Models
- Usage at UT-Dallas
- User Satisfaction and Surveys
- Issues Concerning E-Books
- Conclusion

Resurgence of E-Books

- Pew Foundation and OCLC report that college students not likely to enter a library and are not aware their library had a website
- Those using digital text are not reading sequentially
 - Searching, scanning, selecting, cutting, and pasting
 - Problems with taken content out of context
- "Use, not read"



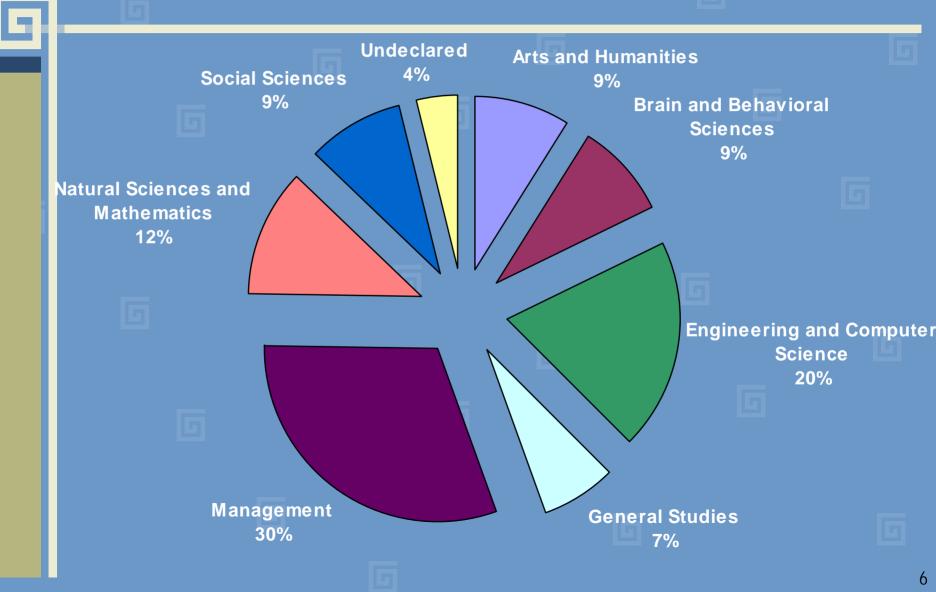
University of Texas at Dallas

- The University of Texas at Dallas started as a research institution and became a part of The University of Texas System in 1969.
- Until 1975, UTD only offered graduate degrees. The university admitted its first freshman class of 100 students in 1990.
- Doctoral/Research University—Intensive
 - 14,500 students
 - 30 doctoral programs
 - 40,000 alumni
- Added millionth volume in September 2004





UT-Dallas by School



E-Book Collection

Huge demand for all things electronic—
 over 90% of our journals are online

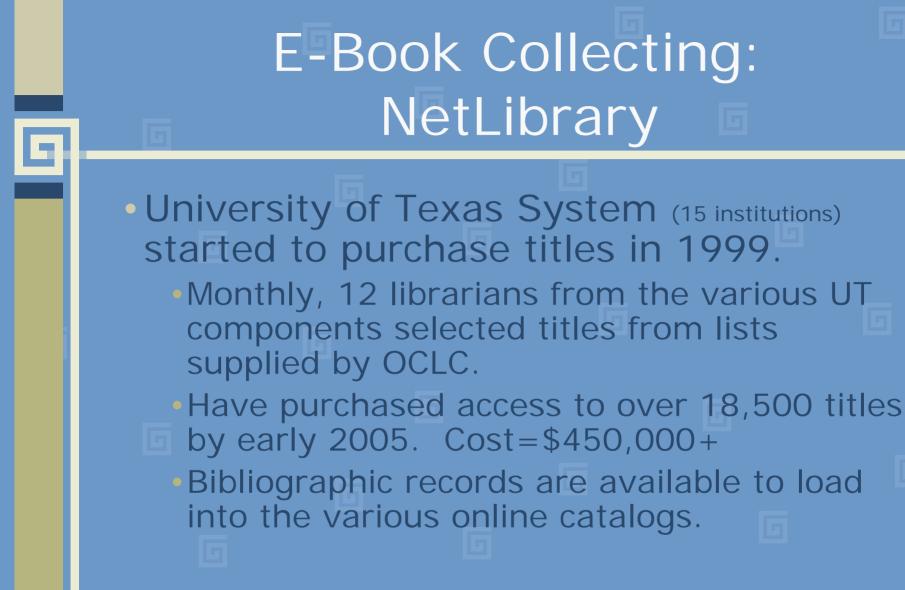
 History of consortial purchasing with members of the University of Texas System

 High tech, commuter campus: users might be more accepting of different formats



E-Book Collection

<u>CATALOGED</u>	<u>TITLES</u>	<u>PENDING</u>	<u>TITLES</u>
18th Century Collection	136,206	Early American Imprints	36,000
American Film Scripts Online	265	Asian American Drama (AADR)	252
Early Encounters in North America	148	Black Drama	1198
Early English Books	74,166	British Women's Letters & Diaries (BWLD)	159
ebrary	15,609	Latino Literature	397
History E-Book	973	North American Women's Drama	233
NetLibrary	35,688	PsycBooks	680
North American Women's Letters & Diaries	461	Twentieth Century North American Drama	
Safari	646	North American Immigrant Letters	
Vector	174	North American Theatre	
EBL	<u>125</u>	Making of Modern Economy	<u>61,000</u>
Totals	264,461	Total Pending	99,919



NetLibrary[®]

The world's leading provider of eBooks.

NetLibrary Titles Available through TexShare

- As of the middle of 2004, the Texas State Library and Archives (under the auspices of TexShare, a library consortium) purchased 24,000 titles
- When our library loads these records, we remove any duplication from the UT System titles
- Today—over 35,000 NetLibrary titles

American Council of Learned Societies **History E-Book Project**

 Added approximately 500 titles in 2002

Title list is updated monthly

• As of May 2005, 900 + titles

Cataloged on existing print record

ISTORY E-BOOK PROJECT

American Council of Learned Societies

ProQuest's Safari Tech Books

- Purchase simultaneous users/seats and purchase slots for books (most are 1 slot, some are ½ or 1 ½ slots)
- Can trade books monthly
- UTD added 400 slots in March 2004
 All computer/technical subjects
- Added all titles (over 3,000) in May 2005



ebrary

ebrary

- Sold by subscription
- During Summer 2004, UTD loaded 14,000+ electronic books from ebrary. Now over 20,000 titles.
- Updated monthly—loading issues!
- Mostly academic titles in a variety of subjects
- About 25% overlap with NetLibrary
- Librarians like publishing model better than NetLibrary...



ebrary (continued)

- Why a better model?
 - Print at least 5 pages at time rather than one page
 - More than one student can use a title at a time rather than one with a check-out period
 - No separate passwords; IP authentication

EBL—E Book Library

- Recently purchased 127 titles with OCLC records
- Selected each title, priced individually
- Monitors usage—allowed up to 325 uses per year. Meter starts over each year.
- Has a reserve component for heavier use of specific items

 Platform fee – annual or \$5,000 maximum
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Total E-Book Collection

- •Over 300,000 electronic books
- Difficult at this point to use our integrated library system without retrieving electronic book content

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E-Book Usage

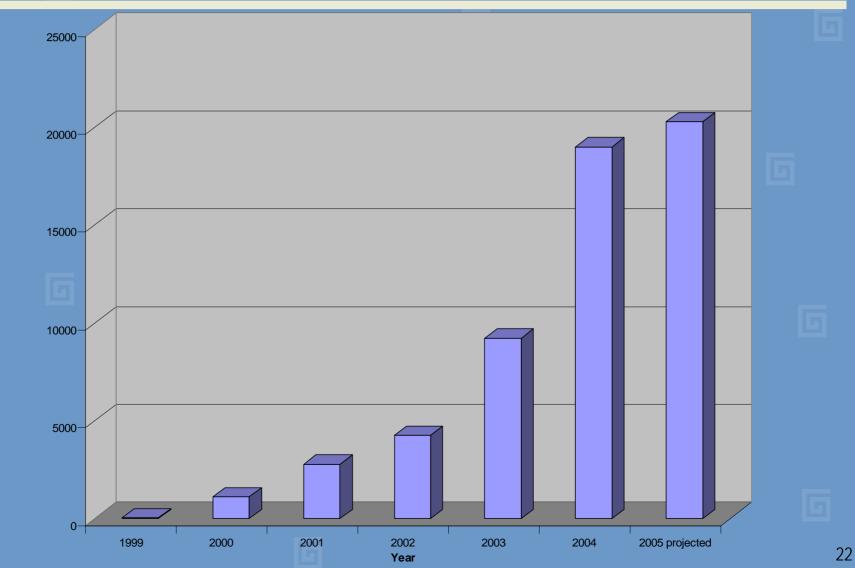
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NetLibrary Usage, 2004-5

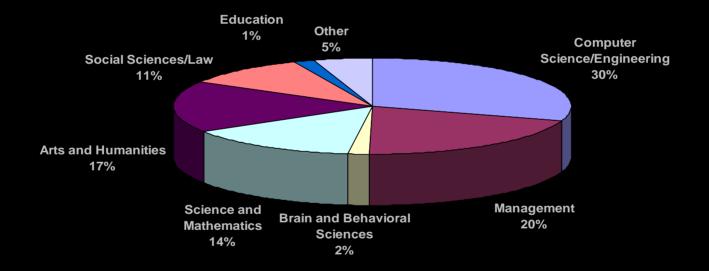
Statistics vs. Librarian reactions
Over 20,000 uses per year on 34,000 titles.

 Reactions to NetLibrary by staff are fairly negative as they do the troubleshooting for passwords, proxy problems, printing issues, and readability concerns.

NetLibrary Usage 1999-June 2005



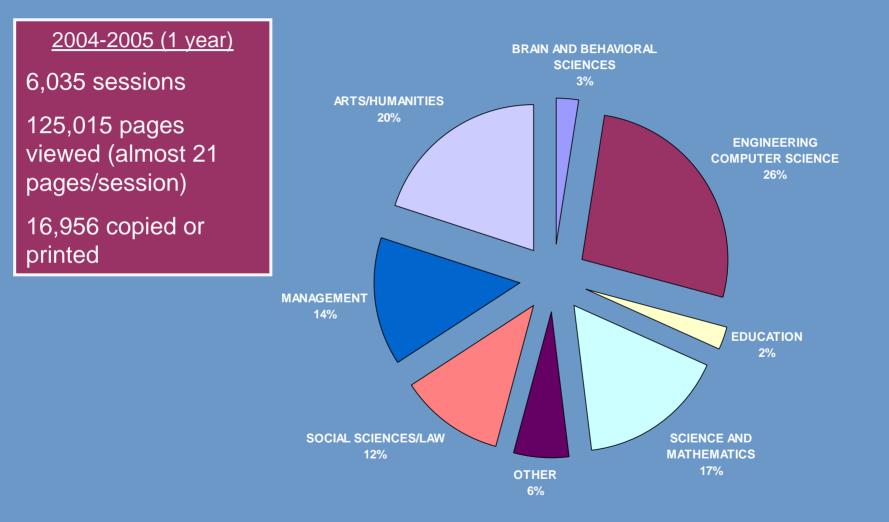
NetLibrary Usage, Jan.-Aug. 2005



Over represented in Computer Science/Engineering, Social Sciences, Arts/Humanities

NOT in Management, Sciences, and Brain and Behavioral Sciences

Ebrary Usage, 2004-2005



Comparing ebrary and NetLibrary

ebrary
Social Sciences

- 11%
 - Science 12%
 - Management14%
 - Arts/Humanities
 20%
 - Brain 8%
- Education 3%
 - Engineering 27%
 - Other 5%

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Safari Tech Usage

 Usage on Safari is very high given the small number of titles.

 5,683 sessions in 12 months...retrieved over 38,568 sections of books.

 Average session was 9 minutes...sessions are increasing in length

• 300% increase in usage since 2003

ACLS History E-Book Usage

- 2004
 - 451 searches
 - Viewed 4,691 pages
 - Average pages viewed for all sites: 2,844
- 2005 (January-July)
 - 355 searches
 - Viewed 2,662 pages
 - Average pages viewed for all sites: 1,310
 - About twice the average of all ACLS sites

Reference E-books

Oxford Reference Online
2005 usage up 161% over 2004
Oxford English Dictionary
2005 usage about even from 2004
Gale Virtual Reference
New...no data

Usage of Historical Collections

12% of total e-book usage

 Many of the collections are not cataloged. Problems with records OR awaiting records.

Adds depth to a younger library

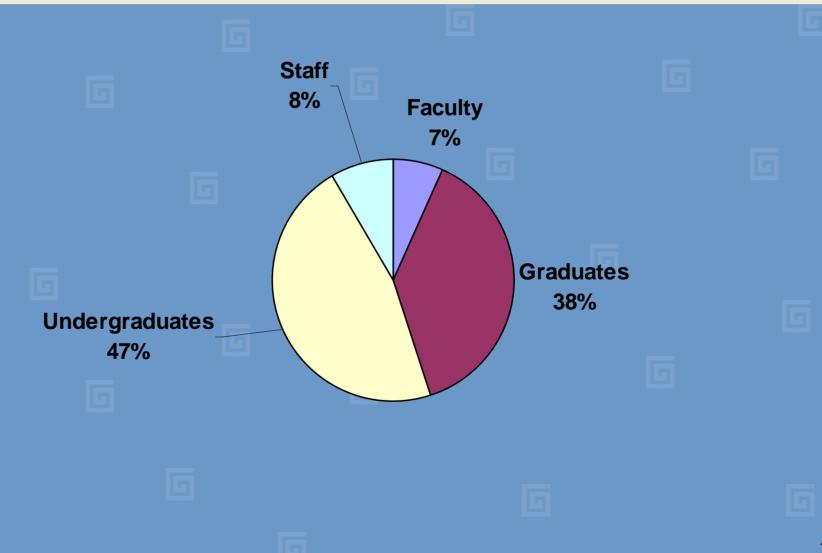


August-September 2004 April-May 2005

How We Distributed the Questionnaire

- In the Library in paper
- To the faculty in their mailbox in paper
- Sent directly to all students, faculty, and staff by email
- Unexpected result: Created an awareness of electronic books on campus

Survey Return Distribution, 2005



Knowledge and Usage of E-Books

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	2004	2005
Unaware of e-books	34%	21%
Never used an e-book	59%	53%

Finding E-Books

- Used the Library catalog
 56% in 2004 58% in 2005
- Used the Library Web page or the Internet
 - 30% in 2004 27% in 2005
- Other
 - •14% in 2004 15% in 2005
 - •Either told by librarian or professor!

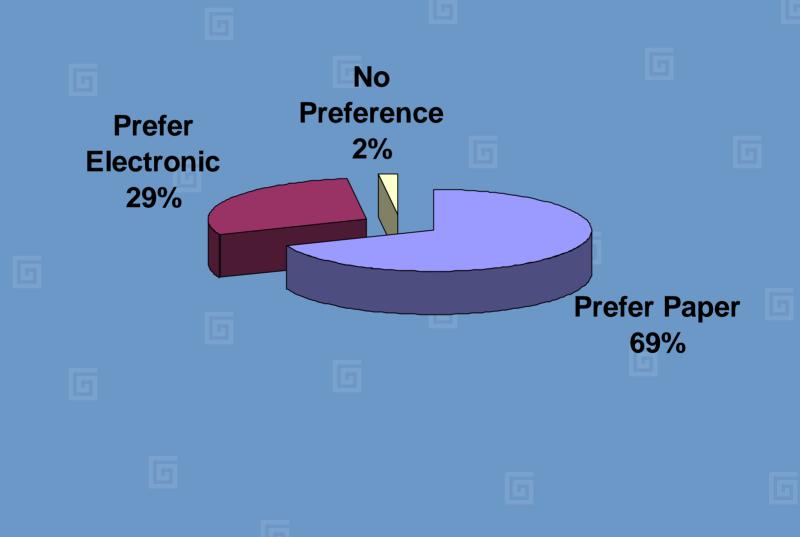
Looking for ?

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Title		38%	36%
Author		15%	16%
Subject		40%	43%
Statistics		7%	5%

Ratings on Finding, Connecting, Using E-Books



Still Prefer Paper



Overall Preferences

Safari Tech 7.1
History E-book Project 6.8
NetLibrary 6.5
ebrary 6.3

Eighteenth Century Collection 5.7PastMasters 5.6

Would you use an E-book again?

95% of those who used an electronic book would use one again

 No correlation with other ratings.
 Even if they had a poor experience, they would use an e-book again.



Faculty vs. Student Reactions

- Faculty are not overly enthusiastic about electronic books
- They rate the overall electronic book experience at 5.45
- They do not see them as a substitute for paper materials
- Graduate students are slightly less supportive than undergraduates.

What Type of Book They Said They Used

 Social Sciences Computer Science Literature History Management/Economics Dictionary

Overall Reaction to Electronic Books

- Rating overall was 6.1 on a scale of 0-10. 5 was rated as neutral.
- Several respondents indicated that they ranked it lower because we did not have MORE electronic books (had about 39,000 at the time of the survey)
- Several respondents indicated that they wanted both formats, but ranked it lower because they still wanted the library to purchase paper.
- Most negativity about printing and downloading

Electronic vs. Paper Books

- Electronic book usage constituted 29% of all book circulation in 2004.
- Many titles are held in both formats
 - Checking the most used NetLibrary titles),
 63% we did not own in paper
 - Of the duplicates, usage electronically in one year was 66% higher than the life-time usage of the paper volumes. (e.g. 804 electronic uses in 2003/2004 vs. 275 uses for 13 titles since 1999).

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Unified Process, 2nd. Ed.	249	41.50	14	8	1.75
802.11 Wireless Networks: The Definitive Guide	213	35.50	10	26	0.38
Microsoft .Net XML Web Services Step by Step	109	18.17	4	20	0.20
Maximum Wireless Security	83	13.83	4	19	0.21
Thinking in Java 3rd. Ed.	62	10.33	11	19	0.58
Visual Modeling with Rational Rose 2002 and UML	55	9.17	33	22	1.50
Programming C# 3rd. Ed.	52	8.67	7	14	0.50
Managing and Using MySQL 2nd. Ed.	32	5.33	9	25	0.36
Core Java 2: Volume 1Fundamentals	31	5.17	15	24	0.63
JSTL: JSP Standard Tag Library Kick Start	26	4.33	7	22	0.32
Software Architecture in Practice 2nd. Ed.	21	3.50	7	15	0.47
Nanotechnology: A Gentle Introduction to the Next Big Idea	19	3.17	11	20	0.55
UML Distilled: A Brief Guide to the Standard Modeling Language	15	2.50	13	10	1.30
PERL 6 Essentials	13	2.17	7	13	0.54
Red Hat Linux System Administration Handbook	13	2.17	21	21	1.00
.NET and XML	12	2.00	1	9	0.11

Issues with E-Books 45

Cataloging Problems with E-Books

- Duplicates
 - merging records (035, 776)
- Loading multiple volumes of a title, mismatched sets, or series
- Series links
- Variation in publication dates
 - Superseded titles—how long do you retain access in your catalog?
 - Journal issues as books
 - Authority problems

Conclusion

- Monthly usage for 2005 is approximately 40% as compared to stacks circulation. This is not really a 1 to 1 relationship, but our usage is significant and continues to grow.
- Faculty who thought they would not use e-books a year ago are being converted.
- We are still purchasing as many print books as we did 2 years ago....for now...

Conclusion (continued)

- For catalogues to remain viable, we need to add e-books
- Usage statistics delivered by publishers are not satisfactory
- Librarians can play an important role in how e-books are delivered and their success

