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The Battle of the ebooks

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Battle of the E-Books

	Subject Content	Content Formats	Search Interface	Usability	Statistical Reports	ADA Accessibility	Advantages	Limitations
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This chart provides clear comparisons between selected major e-book vendors.

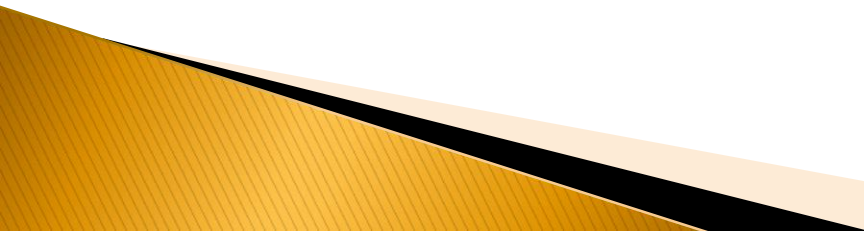
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VALE ebooks Collections Task Force charge:

- ▶ Consider and provide recommendations to implement a consortial approach to purchasing ebooks, with the possible goal of sharing titles purchased by individual members.
 - ▶ Examine the idea of centrally funding an ebook collection to which all VALE members have access.
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VALE e-books Collections Survey

The Cooperative Collection Management Committee, in conjunction with the Electronic Resources Committee, seeks information about current use patterns of e-books in academic libraries in New Jersey, and hopes to determine interest in potential offerings of e-books negotiated through the consortium as well as the model of current database offerings.

This survey is directed first at chief executives at each college and university's library who may choose to respond, or pass the document along to a more suitable member of the library operations. Please take a few minutes to offer your thoughts.

Library Name:

College or University Name:

1. My library currently offers access to:

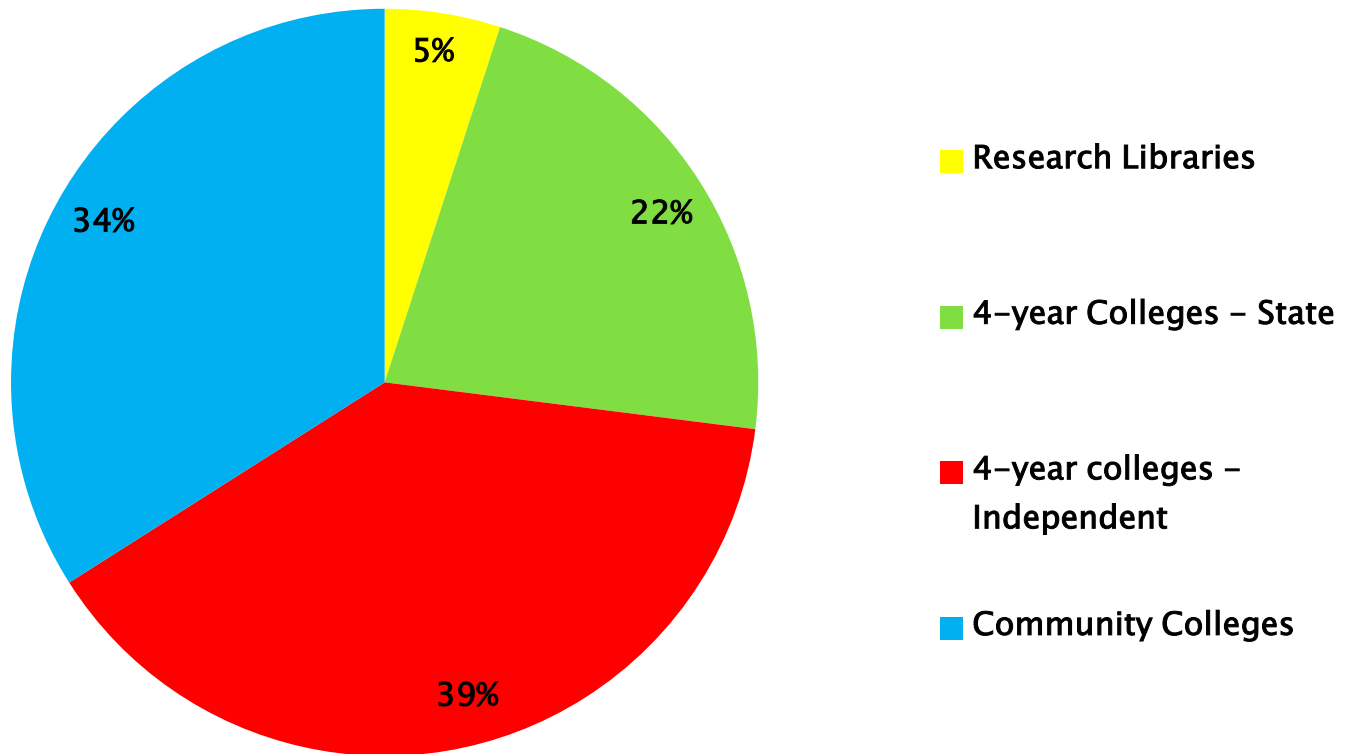
- e-textbooks
- electronic reference books
- e-books (monographs)
- no e-books are offered (Skip to Question 6)

2. My library's current annual expenditure on e-books (including e-textbooks, e-reference books, monographic e-books, whether acquired as part of collections or as individual titles) is:

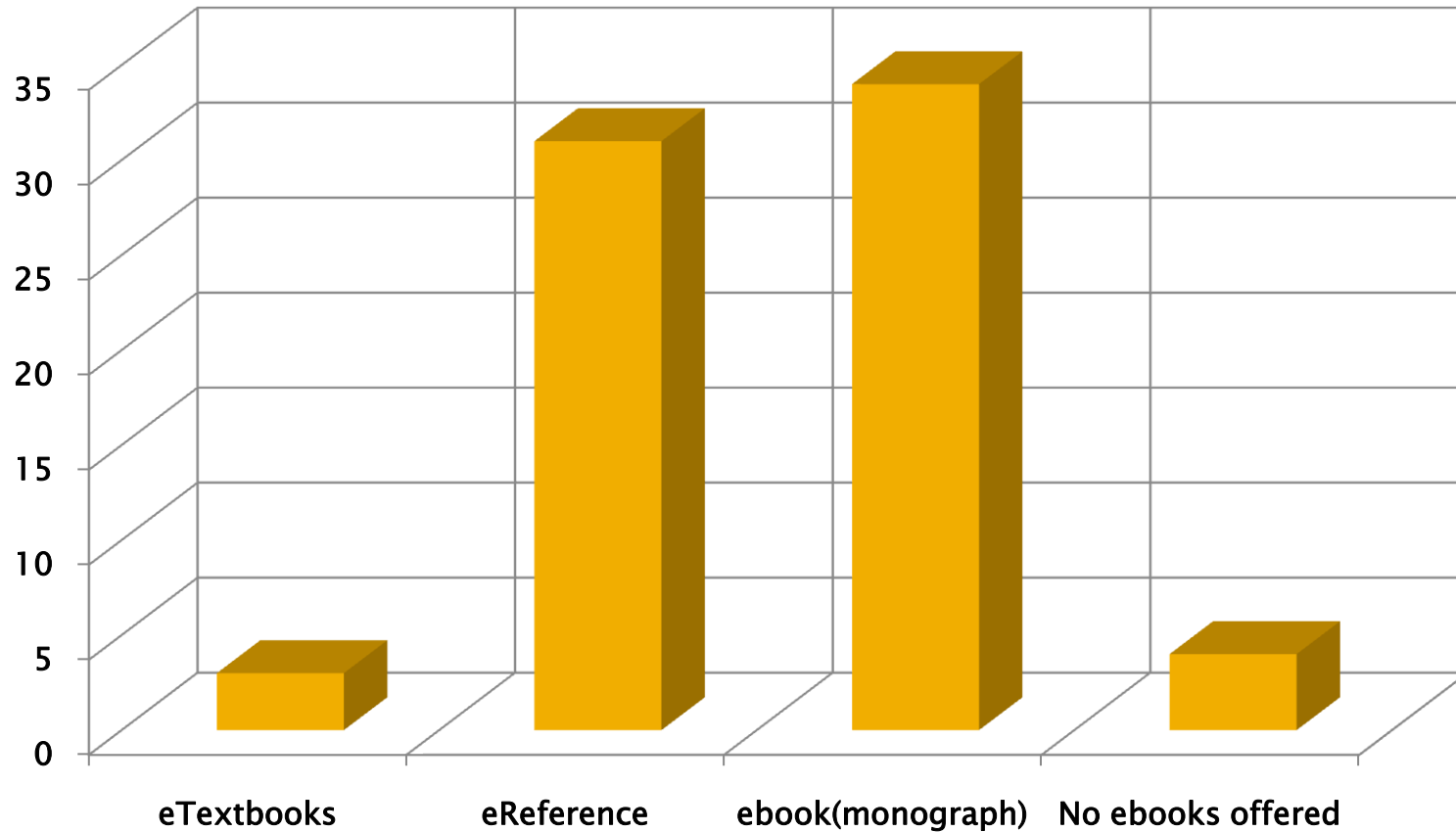
- \$0 (e.g., Project Gutenberg, Internet Archive, etc.)
- \$0-\$5,000
- \$5,000-\$10,000
- \$10,000-\$20,000
- \$20,000+

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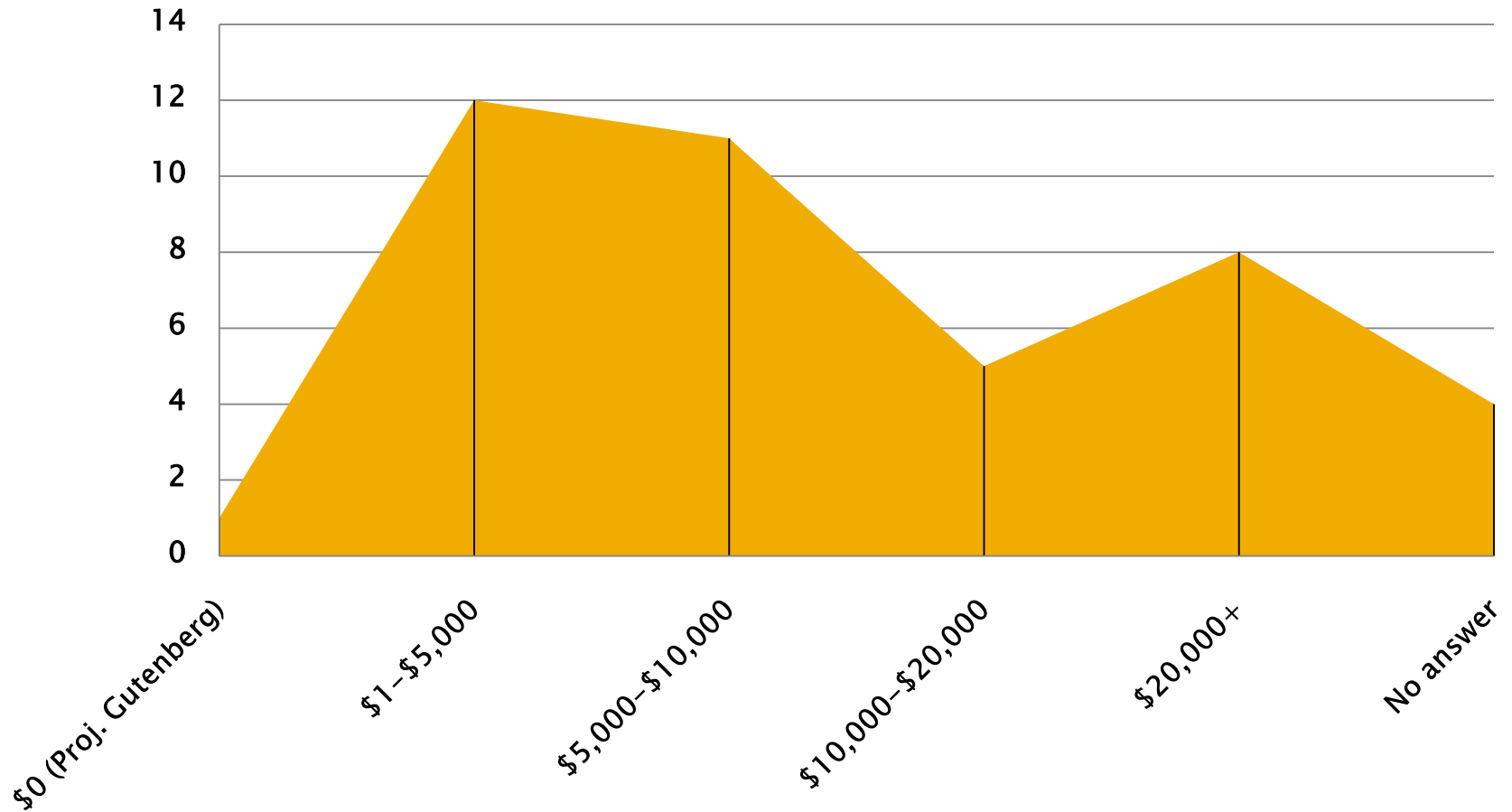
Responses: 71% of VALE Members



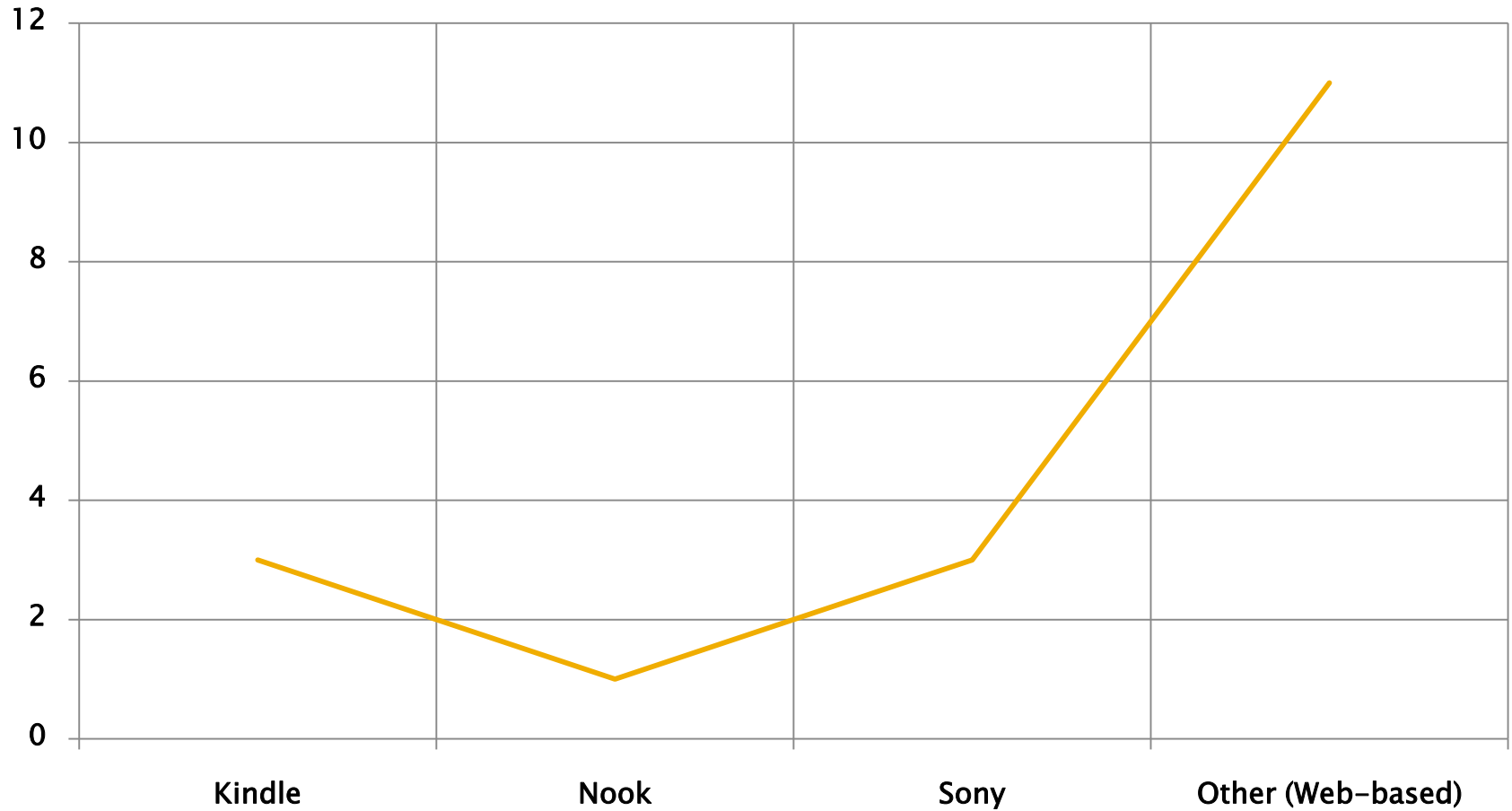
Current ebook Collections:



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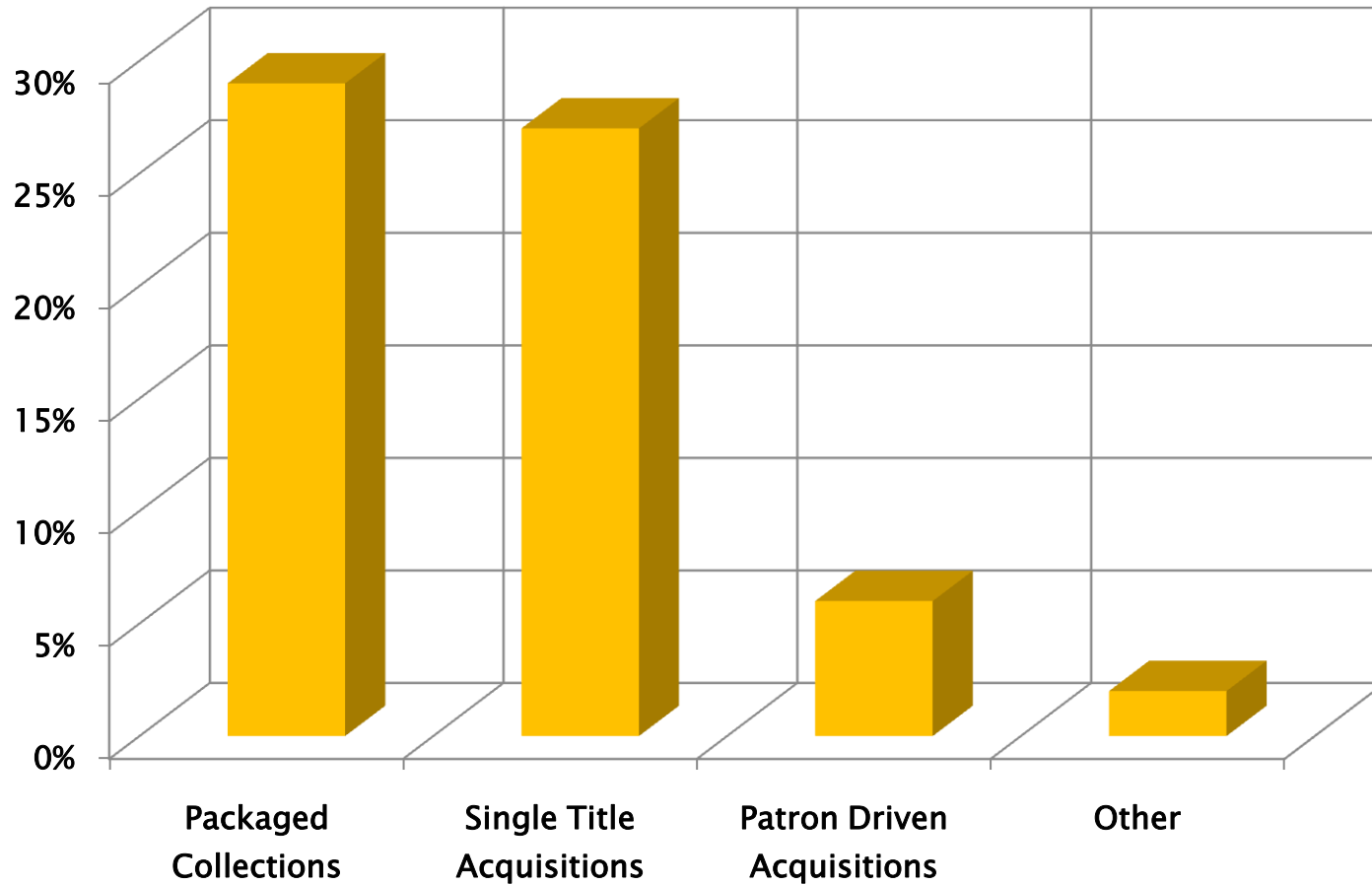
Current ebook Vendors Used:

VENDOR	COUNT	PERCENT
netLibrary	21	51%
Ebrary	12	29%
Other	11	27%
Safari	6	15%
EBL	3	7%
Access Medicine	2	2%
Books 24x7	1	2%
Books@Ovid	1	2%

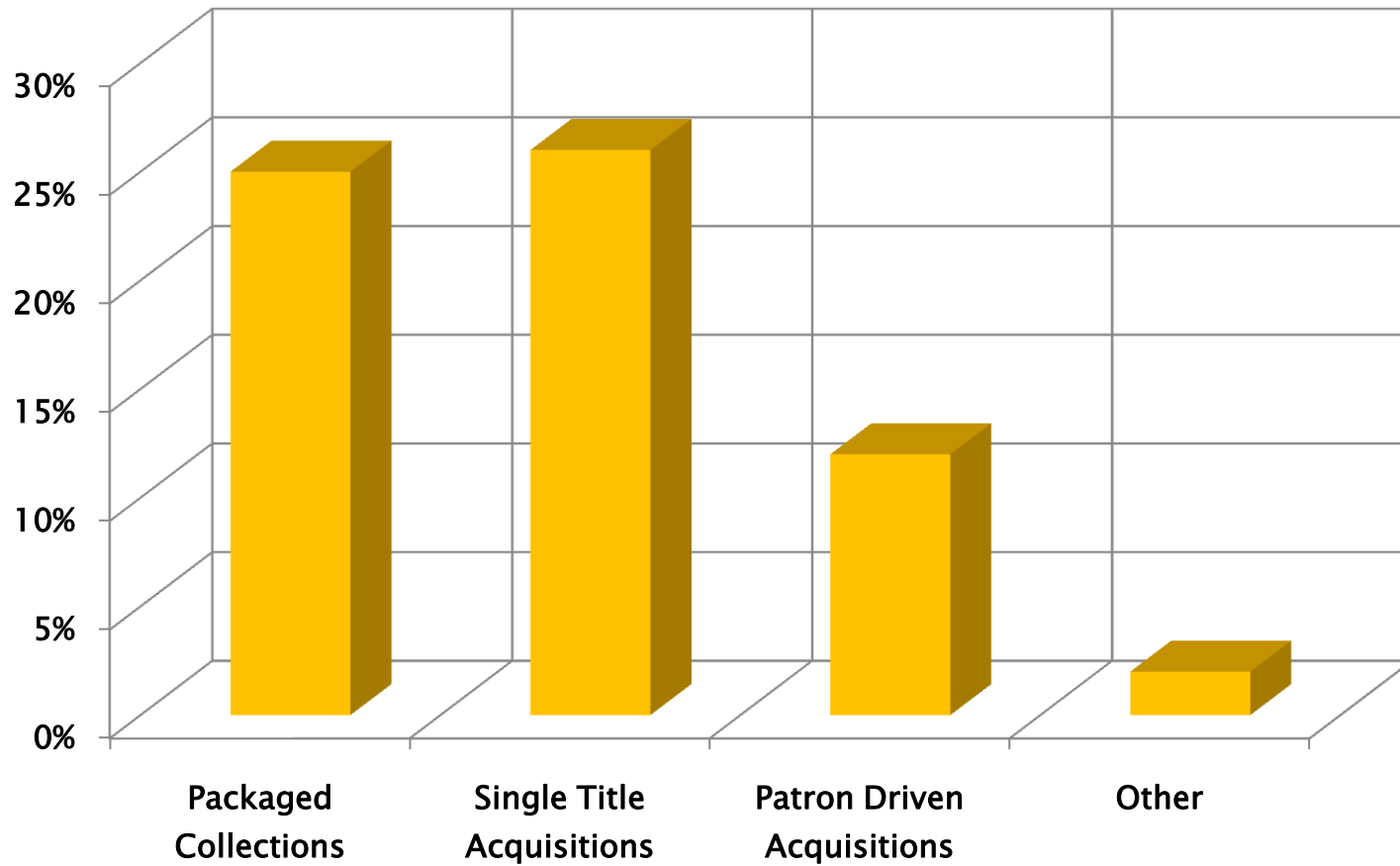
Current ebook Publishers Used:

PUBLISHER	COUNT	PERCENT
Gale Reference	22	54%
Oxford	18	44%
Other	8	20%
Wiley	8	20%
Sage	6	15%
ABC Clio	5	12%
Cambridge	5	12%
Elsevier	5	12%
Springer	4	10%

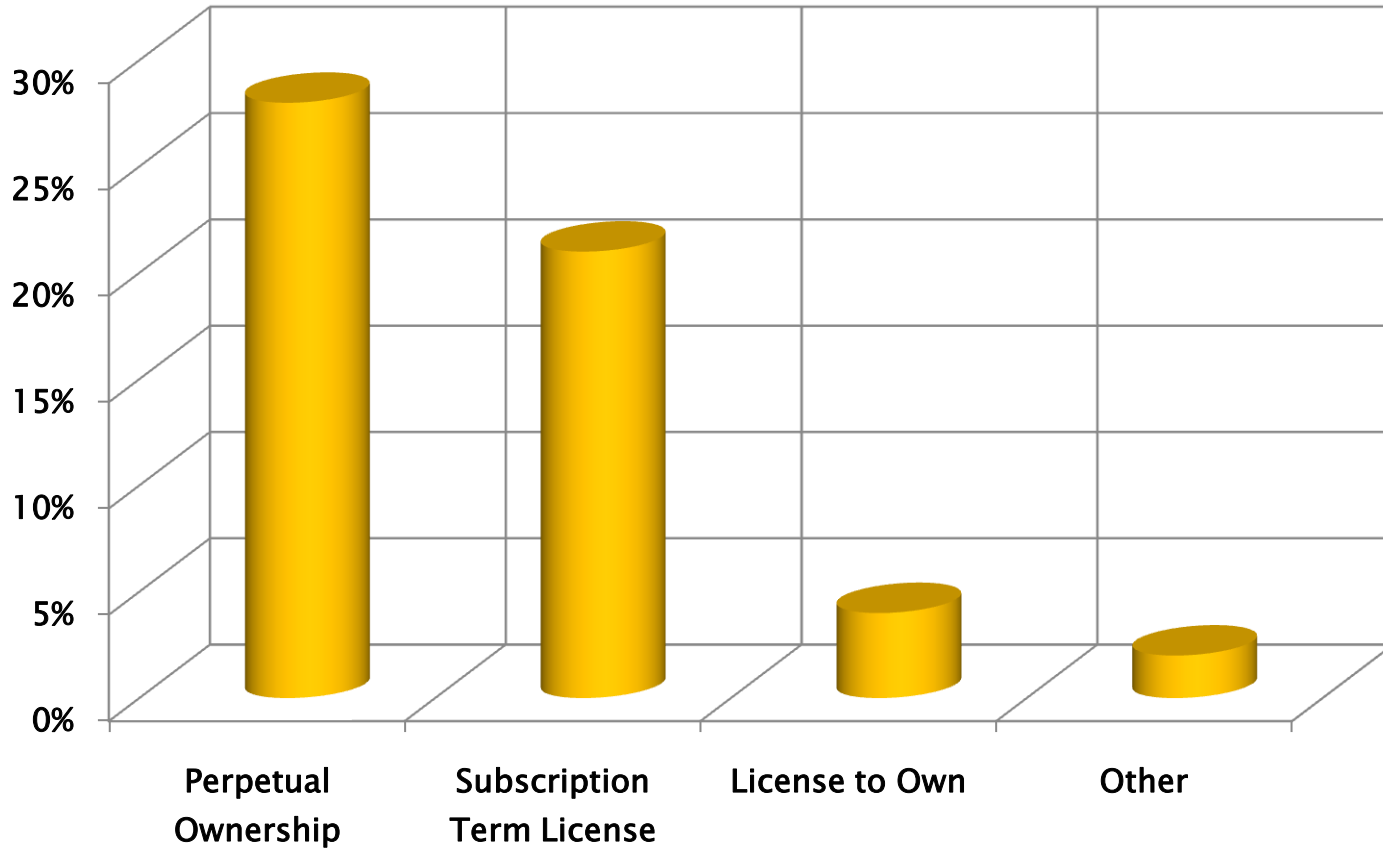
Purchasing Models Used



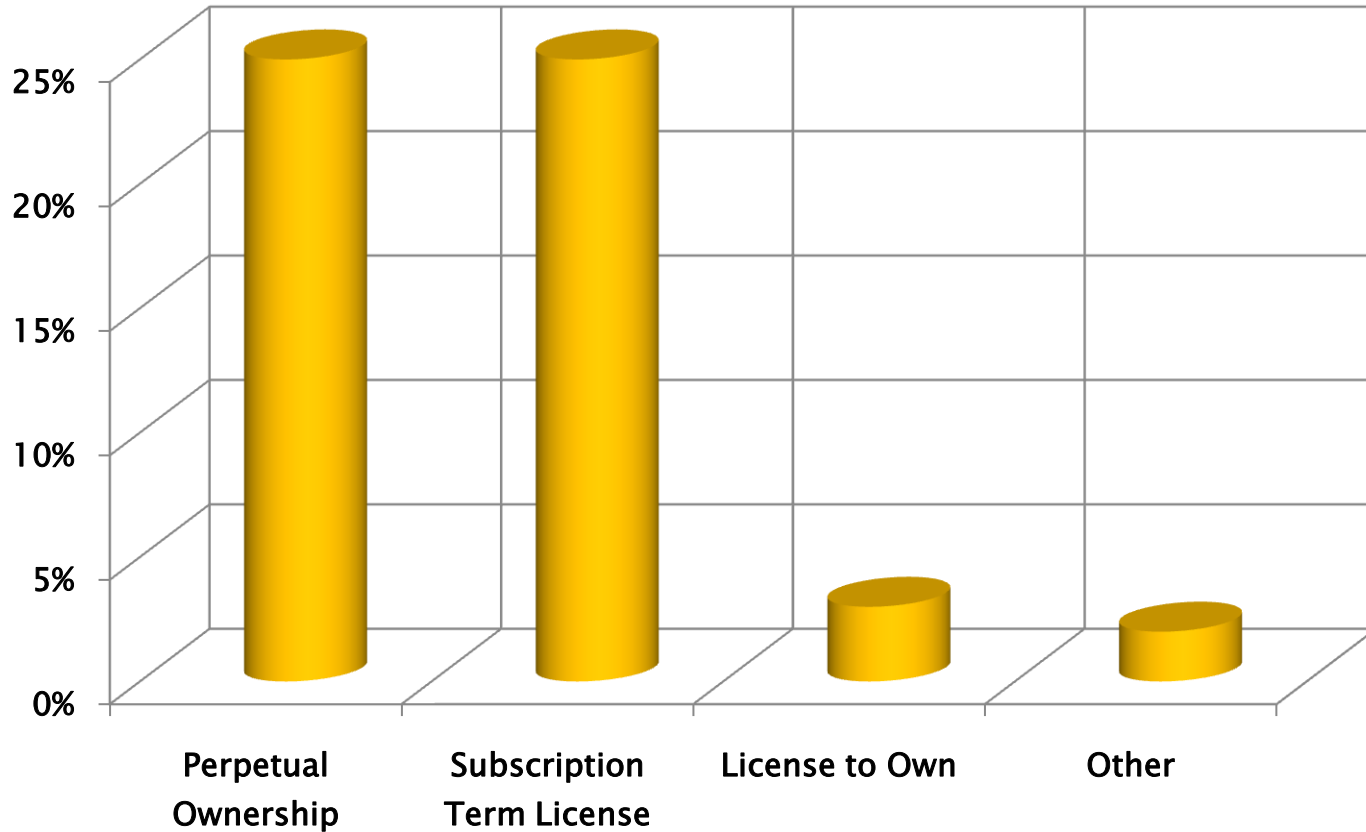
Purchasing Models Preferred:



Licensing Models Used




Licensing Models Preferred



Most important VALE factors :

FACTOR	COUNT	PERCENT
Consortium Pricing	39	95%
Ease of Use	29	71%
Usage Reports Availability	20	49%
Perpetual Access	17	41%
Shared Access	16	39%
Interlibrary Loan Rights	7	17%
Limits on Concurrent Users	7	17%
Other	2	5%

Top Three Collection Subjects:

- ▶ **General Reference** (38% rated "Most appealing")
 - ▶ **Business** (34% rated "Most appealing")
 - ▶ **Health Sciences** (including Nursing) (31% rated "Most appealing")
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E-Books Working Group

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Group Charge


The **E-Books Working Group** is charged to:

- Investigate the market for consortial and/or cooperative purchasing [keeping in mind the basic distinction between e-book publishers (e.g., Oxford, Wiley, Springer, Elsevier), aggregators (Ebrary, netLibrary, etc.), and book vendors (e.g., YBP, Brodat, Ingram, etc.)]. As part of this charge the Group will:
 - Develop a set of categories for the comparative description of e-book products and features
 - Develop a set of categories for the comparative description of e-book purchasing/leasing and licensing terms (options)
 - Identify and describe the basic pricing formulas for each e-book vendor investigated (if possible)
 - Identify e-book vendors willing to work with consortia with regards to consortial pricing discounts, shared access, and cooperative purchasing
- Prepare a Summary Report to the Electronic Resources Committee of the results of the Group's research, along with recommendations for e-book products most likely to be suitable as VALE consortial offerings. – This charge was modified in favor of a plan to support greater interaction between the Group and VALE member librarians, as well as more frequent communications of the Group's findings and advice through some appropriate tool (e.g., a blog, a wiki) to be determined.
- Work with the Electronic Resources Committee to schedule an e-book vendor demonstration of targeted e-book products for NJ academic librarians and a discussion of e-book issues.

Working Group Members:

- ▶ Cynthia Coulter, Hudson Co. Comm. College
 - ▶ Robert Egan, Raritan Valley Comm. College
 - ▶ Erin Finnerty, NJ Institute of Technology
 - ▶ Martine Honigsberg, Centenary College
 - ▶ Sulekha Kalyan, Seton Hall University
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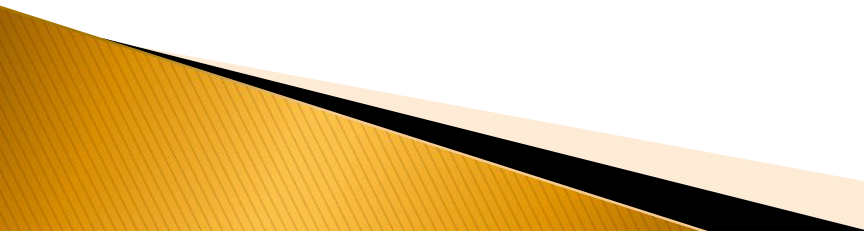
ebook Comparison Criteria

- ▶ **1) Browser and Device Compatibility**
 - ▶ **2) Content**
 - ▶ **3) Functionality for End-user**
 - ▶ **4) Functionality for Tech Service / Library**
 - ▶ **5) Sales Model/Cost**
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Technical requirements				
MAC 10.4	Javascript and cookies are enabled, and pop-ups are allowed for *.ebrary.com	Yes	Yes	Yes
Linux	Javascript and cookies are enabled, and pop-ups are allowed for *.ebrary.com	Yes	Yes	See http://support.ebscohost.com/knowledge_base/detail.php?id=25
IE 7	Javascript and cookies are enabled, and pop-ups are allowed for *.ebrary.com	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firefox 3.6	Javascript and cookies are enabled, and pop-ups are allowed for *.ebrary.com	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safari	Javascript and cookies are enabled, and pop-ups are allowed for *.ebrary.com	Yes	Yes	Yes
Plugin or software required	Browser-based online viewer with no plug-ins required. ebrary also offers an optional Unity Reader that requires Java 1.6	Adobe Digital Editions (ADE) required for download only. Browser-based online viewer with no plug-ins required.	Adobe Digital Editions (ADE) required for download only. Browser-based online viewer with no plug-ins required.	Adobe Digital Editions (ADE) required for download only. Browser-based online viewer with no plug-ins required.
content available on hand held devices: iPad/iPhone, Droid devices, Sony PRS, etc.	Works via a web browser on web-enabled devices.	Works via web browser on web-enabled devices. Works with devices compatible with ADE, including iPad/iPhone with BlueFire Reader.	Works via web browser on web-enabled devices. Works with devices compatible with ADE, including iPad/iPhone with BlueFire Reader.	Works via web browser on web-enabled devices. Works with devices compatible with ADE, including iPad/iPhone with BlueFire Reader.
Content				
scope (subject coverage)	All academic subject areas	All LC classes	All LC classes with academic focus	See tab labeled "EBSCOhost scope"
number of titles available	160,700+	180,000	Nearly 300,000	250,000
number of publishers	450+	400+	938	900+
quality (subjective judgment by selectors)	(to be completed by library)	(to be completed by library)	(to be completed by library)	(to be completed by library)
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Functionality				
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search w/in book	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
search w/in collection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
download to read offline	Not currently available. We are in the process of developing a solution	Yes	Downloading of 10 pages at a time is currently available. Full book downloading scheduled to deploy in June 2011	Yes
note taking/highlighting	Yes, patrons may highlight in different colors, with and without attached notes	Yes/No	Yes, notes, bookmarks, free personalized accounts available with searches highlighted and notes highlighting coming shortly	Yes
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Functionality for Tech Services

- ▶ Usage statistics – COUNTER compliant
 - ▶ Marc records (availability and content)
 - ▶ Technical Support service
 - ▶ Interlibrary loan
 - ▶ Automatic updates to content
 - ▶ Automatic updates to delivery methods
 - ▶ Single or simultaneous multiple users
 - ▶ Remote authentication – IP, proxy, password
 - ▶ EPUB standards?
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Ebook Sales Model/Cost

- ▶ Subscription (pay-per-use, purchase, user-driven, lease-to-own)
 - ▶ Platform fee (aggregator or unique?)
 - ▶ Item cost
 - ▶ Minimum commitment
 - ▶ Perpetual access
 - ▶ Individual titles (unbundled)
 - ▶ Consortium contract
 - ▶ Patron-driven acquisition– flexibility for institutions to set criteria for purchase
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	Subject Content	Content Formats	Search Interface	Usability	Statistical Reports	ADA Accessibility	Advantages	Limitations
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Linux	Javascript and cookies are enabled, and pop-ups are allowed for *.ebrary.com	Yes	Yes	See http://support.ebscohost.com/knowledge_base/detail.php?id=25
IE 7	Javascript and cookies are enabled, and pop-ups are allowed for *.ebrary.com	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firefox 3.6	Javascript and cookies are enabled, and pop-ups are allowed for *.ebrary.com	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safari	Javascript and cookies are enabled, and pop-ups are allowed for *.ebrary.com	Yes	Yes	Yes
Plugin or software required	Browser-based online viewer with no plug-ins required. ebrary also offers an optional Unity Reader that requires Java 1.6	Adobe Digital Editions (ADE) required for download only. Browser-based online viewer with no plug-ins required.	Adobe Digital Editions (ADE) required for download only. Browser-based online viewer with no plug-ins required.	Adobe Digital Editions (ADE) required for download only. Browser-based online viewer with no plug-ins required.
content available on hand held devices: iPad/iPhone, Droid devices, Sony PRS, etc.	Works via a web browser on web-enabled devices.	Works via web browser on web-enabled devices. Works with devices compatible with ADE, including iPad/iPhone with BlueFire Reader.	Works via web browser on web-enabled devices. Works with devices compatible with ADE, including iPad/iPhone with BlueFire Reader.	Works via web browser on web-enabled devices. Works with devices compatible with ADE, including iPad/iPhone with BlueFire Reader.
Content				
scope (subject coverage)	All academic subject areas	All LC classes	All LC classes with academic focus	See tab labeled "EBSCOhost scope"
number of titles available	160,700+	180,000	Nearly 300,000	250,000
number of publishers	450+	400+	938	900+
quality (subjective judgment by selectors)	(to be completed by library)	(to be completed by library)	(to be completed by library)	(to be completed by library)
MARC (indicate cost and if you work with Serials Solutions, YBP, etc.)	Free Marc records. Records also available through YBP/B&T. Do not send library custom holdings directly to these vendors but we do update them with titles available via our platform.	Free Marc records. Records also available through YBP/B&T and OCLC. Do not send library custom holdings directly to these vendors but we do update them with titles available via our platform.	Free Marc records. Records also available through Serials Solutions. Do not send library custom holdings directly to these vendors but we do update them with titles available via our platform.	Free Marc records. Records also available through YBP/B&T and OCLC. Do not send library custom holdings directly to these vendors but we do update them with titles available via our platform.

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NISO Launches E-book Special Interest Group

New group will foster collaborative work, incubate new initiatives, and provide education

May 4, 2011-Baltimore, MD-The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) and its Architecture Committee are pleased to announce the creation of a Special Interest Group focused on E-books (the NISO E-book SIG). Simultaneous with the formation of the group, NISO is issuing a call for participation in the E-book SIG and its associated monitoring group. The E-book SIG will explore a range of industry best practices and standards related to the creation, distribution, discovery, delivery, and preservation of digital book content. The primary responsibilities of the group will be to continuously monitor and review the state of the industry for e-books and to suggest areas for new initiatives within NISO or areas where NISO can engage with other communities on e-book work underway outside of NISO. The group will also host thought leader meetings and commission relevant research to advance the state of the industry.

While NISO is best known for shepherding groups focused on a specific problem through the creation and implementation of recommended practices and standards, NISO's new strategic initiatives seek to widen its outreach within the information industry. Specifically, the NISO Board and Architecture Committee seek to emphasize NISO's role as a facilitator within the industry, one that can foster cross-community dialogue in a given topical area and provide a place for the incubation of ideas even if no formal standards process within NISO is ever initiated as a result.

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