

eBook questions and answers from the Introduction to INSPIRE webinar 1-13-2021 pn

Can the text to speech also be done for eBooks or no?

EBSCO rep - Not natively in EBSCO's eBook reader

Question - When you download an eBook, will you be able to read the book without being online?

Answer from attendee in chat - If you can download the PDF full text you should be able to save it locally on your computer. Then you should be able to access it without internet.

EBSCO rep - This is correct with downloading individual chapters (.pdf's) which do not expire or have a 'check-in' date AND when a user downloads/checks out the entire book which will have a check-in date and will not be accessible after that unless they download/checkout the entire book again.

Are the eBooks compatible with the Amazon Kindle Reader App/Kindle devices? We have a lot of patrons who love using their kindles.

*EBSCO rep - As far as the specific Kindle version can open a web browser, get to the library and then download/save the .pdf chapters this will work. Also, if the Kindle can have apps from either app store then we now have the EBSCO app that can handle eBook reading. *more info to come about the app if you want to discuss it. I can not test anything on the app until I upgrade my phone next month but the EBSCO app is coming along great and is becoming more and more eBook friendly and allows for easier reading without Adobe accounts, etc. I have screenshots, etc. if they will help either of you and your team.*

Questions - Are the eBooks vetted? How are they selected?

EBSCO rep - Title selection for all of the subscription products begin at the publisher targeting stage. Experienced Collection Development Librarians identify publishers and content of value that would enhance EBSCO eBook holdings. Publisher Relations staff reach out to these publishers to negotiation rights for this valued content. The publisher targeting process is ongoing year-round as we are always working to acquire more quality content. Part of the publisher onboarding process is the negotiations of subscription rights, sometimes as granular as at the title level, giving EBSCO access to specific titles for subscription products.

Once the titles have been on boarded it falls to the Collection Development staff to choose individual titles of the highest academic quality. Some but not all of the influencing factors that go into the selection of are:*

- *Academic awards*
- *Reviews*
- *Usage stats*
- *Sales stats*
- *Publisher/Author expertise*
- *Internal and external recommendations*
- *Timeliness/current relevance specific to subject and field*
- *Institution recommendations*
- *CD staffs' personal expertise and experience (As with any collection development project the creation of a list is as much an art as it is a sciences so there will always be some differentiation between collections curated by different librarians.)*

**It is important to note each individual title added to a subscription collection is evaluated by a collection development librarian because titles are evaluated on their own merit and not from a stock generated search algorithm we cannot provide rigid criteria for subject, publisher, publication date, etc.*

Question - Are they compatible with Chromebooks?

Answer from Attendee in chat – The eBooks should be compatible with Chromebooks as Chromebooks are just very basic laptops. As long as it has an internet connection, it can at least open the PDF of the eBook.

EBSCO rep – We just updated the instructions for this on the connect.ebsco.com site: https://connect.ebsco.com/s/article/Checking-Out-and-Downloading-EBSCO-eBooks-on-Chromebook-Devices?language=en_US

I am looking at this on INSPIRE in tandem with the webinar. When I click on eBook K - 8 it just takes me to eBook Collection (no highlights) Totally different view. The eBook K- 8 is now showing as was presented. I'm not sure what the difference was. Thanks.

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