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E-Books: The Mobile Friendly Choice

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Goals for this Session

- Understand what E-books are and why faculty and students should use them.
- Learn how to access them via OneSearch.
- Learn how to download E-books to your mobile device.
- Get some tips and tricks on using OneSearch to find articles and more.
  - Learn how to link e-books from within Blackboard for student use.
- Learn how to access electronic reference books through Credo Reference and Gale Virtual Reference Library.
- Answer any questions you may have about OneSearch or E-books.
What is an E-Book?

Merriam-Webster online defines an e-book as:

- a book composed in or converted to digital format for display on a computer screen or handheld device

You might think we only have very serious e-books
Why Use an E-Book?

- Accessible 24/7.
- Never have to remember to return the book when done using it.
- Current set-up for e-books is to purchase access for 1 person at a time.
  - Working with the library and your department liaison, there is the option for adding access for multiple users.
- Can assign students to read a chapter of the e-book – cuts down on cost of books for students.
- Can print a small portion of the book so you can highlight parts and make notes.
The Ort Library provides access to over 100,000 e-books.
- Started with EBSCO in 2012.
- Added EBL last year.
- Most e-books are current titles.

In comparison, we have about 250,000 print books in the library from 1800’s to present.

There would be no way we as a library would be able to add as many print books as we have access to e-books in just a couple years.
Print Book vs E-Book

- Do you allow students to use e-books for assignments when you ask for a book to be used?
  - Why or why not?
- Most e-books are exactly like the print book, just in a different format.
- We allow students to use articles found via the libraries electronic database and do not force them to use the print versions.
  - Move away from thinking about format only.
  - Have students evaluate the resource based on content.
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Tips & tricks

This section will provide some tips and tricks for making it easier for you to use OneSearch.
OneSearch Tips and Tricks

- Deep linking to e-books and/or articles via OneSearch
  - Allows students to quickly access an e-book/article from within Blackboard.
  - It will prompt students to log in to access the e-book/article if they are off-campus.

OneSearch Tips and Tricks

- If you know the title of an article or book, you can put it in the OneSearch box and select to search by Title.
- If we have the book, e-book, or article, OneSearch should find it for you.

This is an article that I want to find.

After you select Search in OneSearch, the article you are looking for will be provided to you in the results screen.
OneSearch Tips and Tricks

The left-hand side of the results screen is your friend.

It will help you limit your results by subject, location, geography, date, or type of publication.
OneSearch Tips and Tricks

The TOP left-hand side of the results screen will provide you with information on your search terms that you originally used and how you have narrowed down your results.

You can remove any of the limiters by simply clicking on the X next to the term.
OneSearch Tips and Tricks

- If you click on the title of an article or book on the results screen, you will get additional information about the article/book.
- Subject terms are available for all articles/books.

Subject terms are highlighted in blue because they are clickable links.

You can click on any of the links and they will run a search on the subject term you have selected.
OneSearch Tips and Tricks

- You can chat with a librarian 24/7 right from the Ask A Librarian chat window in the results screen.
Credo Reference and Gale Virtual Reference Library

This section will provide information on accessing online reference resources.
Why Use these Databases?

- Sometimes you are just looking for some quick information about a topic or need to get some background information on a topic.
- These are electronic encyclopedias and dictionaries that can be accessed 24/7.
How to access???

To access these 2 reference databases you would first click on the Databases A-Z Tab.

Once on the Tab, select the Link Databases A-Z.
How to access???

° Click on the Letter that corresponds with the database you want to use:
  ° C for Credo Reference.
  ° G for Gale Virtual Reference Library.

° If you are off-campus, you will be prompted for your barcode (usually starts with 2206) and your last name to access the databases.
Credo Reference

- Credo Reference offers electronic access to over 600 full-text ready reference titles with more than 3 million articles.
- Covers topics such as:
  - Art
  - Business
  - Medicine
  - Music
  - History
  - Language
  - Law
  - Literature
  - Science
  - Technology
Gale Virtual Reference Library

- Gale Virtual Reference Library offers electronic access to over 40 full-text reference works.

- Included are:
  - Black Literature Criticism: Class and Emerging Authors Since 1950
  - Boom and Bust: The American Cinema in the 1940s
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