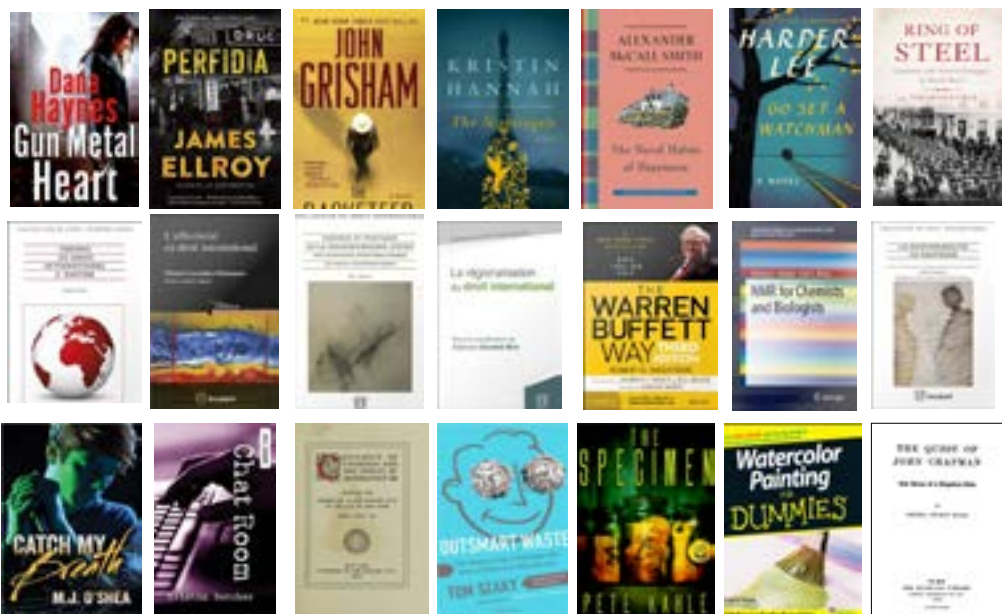


THE eBook CONNECTION

September 2015

A Taste of eBooks

There are currently 8,021 Axis 360, 31,481 BiblioBoard and 132,486 EBL titles in the program. These were the most popular titles as of September 2015:



A Catalogue of Rembrandt's Etchings

The Quest of John Chapman

News from Our Vendors

Thank you to the American Institute for Economic Research!

Commonwealth eBook Collections is pleased to announce that our eBook vendor BiblioBoard has added an exciting and vital resource to our collection. This collection has been made free to Massachusetts through the generosity of The American Institute for Economic Research (AIER). AIER is an independent nonprofit organization established in 1933 to help ordinary Americans deepen their economic and financial knowledge and thereby enhance the well-being of the nation. In this Module, readers will find books and documents that convey information on important financial matters.

Now accessible through the CEC BiblioBoard portal, parents can plan their child's successful educational future with documents like, "[College Destinations Index 2014-2015](#)", "[Top Destinations for Young College Graduates Issue Brief April 2015](#)", and "[Employment Destinations Index 2015](#)". For more in-depth planning go to these must-reads: "[College Destinations](#)", "[Money and Marriage](#)", and "[The A-Z Vocabulary for Investors](#)". Or patrons can educate themselves with titles like "[How to Invest Wisely](#)", "[If Something Should Happen - How to Organize Your Financial and Legal Affairs](#)", "[Business Conditions Monthly April 2015](#)" and much more! The need for this information is increasingly more important in our ever-changing economic environment. Check out the whole collection at: [AIER](#).

User Groups!

All participating libraries and groups are encouraged to convene user group meetings to share ideas, questions and concerns regarding the Commonwealth eBook Collections program. Here are some reason why you should host one!

- Network with your colleagues
- Share ideas for successful promotion
- Coordinate feedback to MLS and the vendors

To invite other eBook members go to our Libguide page:

guides.masslibsystem.org/ebooks

and choose the "User Groups" tab!



News from MLS

Oh, What a Year We've Had!

Part One

Commonwealth eBook Collections is about to celebrate its first birthday! On October 1, 2014, Commonwealth eBook Collections launched as the beta phase of the statewide eBook program following the MA eBook Project pilot program. It's been an exciting year for sure with many changes, challenges and successes.

This is the first article in a three-part series that will continue in the next two issues of this newsletter. In this issue, we'll focus on the enrollment numbers. The program has grown considerably over the past year, adding more than 500 new libraries!

Program Enrollment

By Library Type	October 1, 2014	October 1, 2015
Academic	10	35
Public	28	257
School	8	283
Total	46	575

By Network	October 1, 2014	October 1, 2015
C/W MARS	15	145
CLAMS	1	35
FLO	0	10
MassCat	3	37
MLN	7	7
MVLC	3	17
NOBLE	5	5
OCLN	6	29
SAILS	1	34
standalone	5	256
Total	46	575

Thank you!

Your library's investment in this program is an investment in the future! Collectively, we have an important voice in the marketplace, and we are making a difference. In the next issue, we'll highlight our successes. Following that, we'll share our view on the challenges that we will tackle next.

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