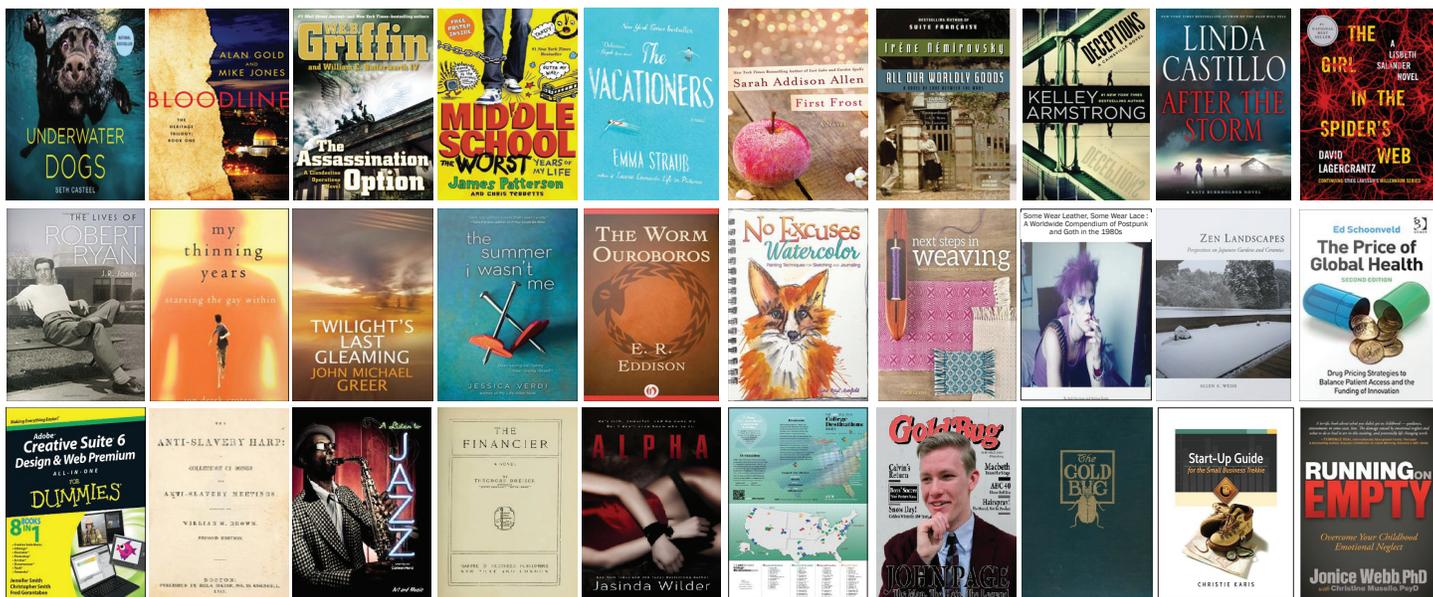


THE eBook CONNECTION

October 2015

A Taste of eBooks

There are currently 10,090 Axis 360, 36,203 BiblioBoard and 120,744 EBL titles in the program. These were the most popular titles in September 2015:



The Anti-Slavery Harp

A Listen to Jazz

The Financier

College Destinations Index

Amherst Regional High School Yearbook 2015

Amherst Regional High School Yearbook 1918

Business Planning for the Small Business Trekkie

News from Our Vendors

Self Publishing Is Coming!

Stay tuned! MLS is working closely with a group of Massachusetts librarians, partners and our vendor BiblioLabs to expand self-publishing capabilities for your local authors. Soon, you will be able to direct your local authors to a place where they can submit their publications for inclusion in Commonwealth eBook Collections and even get assistance with creating ePub formats.

This program will be directly aligned with the national self-publishing program, [SELF-e](#). To get a taste of what's to come, please visit the [Indie Massachusetts](#) and [SELF-e](#) modules in [BiblioBoard](#).

Want to learn more or be involved in the planning? Join us at the MLS Member forum on November 19 at Boston Public Library. [RSVP](#)

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News from MLS

Oh, What a Year We've Had! Part Two

In the first installment in this series, we reported on the growth in participation – more than 500 new libraries. Part two focuses on all our accomplishments so far including a taste of what's to come.

Axis 360

Our work with Axis 360 has been intensive to say the least! We have great partners there, and our collective accomplishments are many including:

- Access to all Big Five publisher content – including some content that is currently unavailable to other consortia.
- Major improvements to the Axis 360 platform with many more yet to come this year.
- Coming soon: the ability for libraries to have individual collections for additional copies or titles that meet their specialized needs.
- Coming soon: the ability for libraries to negotiate expanded access to titles for community reads.

BiblioBoard

So many exciting initiatives!

- New BiblioBoard interface launched September 15.
- More content including major publishers like Wiley.
- Summer Institute for School Library Curriculum to build a shared curricular resource for MA school librarians.
- SELF-e: the national self-publishing initiative from Library Journal and BiblioLabs.
- Coming soon: Library Comicon – a statewide program to capitalize on the great graphic novel content in BiblioBoard.
- Coming soon: Indie Massachusetts – a local self-publishing off-shoot of SELF-e.

EBL

There's a lot happening behind the scenes at ProQuest!

- Major development and planning for the merger of the Ebrary and EBL platforms.
- Improvements to MARC record workflows to improve record quality.

MLS

MLS has adapted as well to refine program support.

- New Training and Support Committee established.
- New training program launched with regular training offerings nearly every Thursday.

Meet our Axis 360 Partners

Meet Michael Bills (top) and his colleagues Livia Bitner, Amandeep Kochar and Jamie Young (below).

Just a few of the movers and shakers at Baker & Taylor who are working hard behind the scenes for you.

