

THE eBook CONNECTION

MAY 2015

A Taste of eBooks

There are currently 7,130 Axis 360, 34,998 BiblioBoard and 134,881 EBL titles in the program. These were the most popular titles in March 2015:



The Ox Team Lizzie Leigh The Iniquities of the Opium Trade with China Reminiscences of Experiences on the Oregon Trail in 1844.-II Be Wise

I Found It!

A patron called the other day. She was vacationing in CA but wanted to keep up with her local book club. The novel they were reading wasn't available via OverDrive, but the Commonwealth had it. Not being very tech savvy, she was a little nervous, but I walked her through the steps and within ten minutes she was happily reading her book, and able to chat about it with her friends back home. She was very grateful for this service that kept her reading even though she was far away from her local library!

Miki Wolfe
 Head of Adult and Technology Librarian at Sharon Public Library

News from MLS

Future Plans

The Steering Committee is making plans for FY2016 with a focus on the front lines including a new program. The **Summer Institute for School Library Curriculum**. This institute is an opportunity for a small cohort of 12 school librarians to curate a collection of materials in BiblioBoard Library to meet the needs of a particular curriculum or academic project. Stay tuned for more new initiatives.

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eBook Program Portal!

You can find everything that you need to make the best of the Commonwealth eBook program. Upcoming training dates, a support portal, the new dashboard with support statistics and promotional material is all available and online!

guides.masslibsystem.org/ebooks

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We have been working on ways to provide more and more of our school's texts and textbooks in electronic form. Access to EBL has been so wonderful, especially in the social sciences. One of our Psychology teachers has been, for the last few years, putting her personal DSM on reserve at the library so students can borrow that one and ours for in-library use. What an asset to the class to have the DSM (and it's corresponding handbook) in EBL. Students can read it online anytime, anywhere. The teacher can even link to it from her class page on Schoology! Access!

Corey Baker
 Librarian at Milton Academy

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BiblioBoard Creator is a special component of Commonwealth eBook Collections and available to all libraries that are participating in the program. With Creator, library staff can curate media-rich collections of content around a theme that best serves a library's audience. Potential content includes items from the BiblioBoard Library collection, local content and other repositories connected to Creator.

Already, MA libraries have created a number of collections using Creator. Take some time to explore the work that's already been done. Especially, take note of the "Victorian Era" collection that was created by Tricia London (Avon Middle-High School) for her 9th grade school project.

<https://library.biblioboard.com/modules/MODID-0000000055/ma-ebook-project>

eBook Promotions!



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More News from MLS

Consortial Ebook Platforms: An Update and Good News

Greg Pronevitz, MLS

I welcome you to Collaborative Librarianship's new column: "Consortial Conversations." I am your co-columnist, Greg Pronevitz. I am the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Library System (MLS), a state-funded multitype collaborative with about 1,600 member libraries in all corners of the Commonwealth, with a staff of 25 FTE, and a governing board comprising 15 member library representatives. Valerie Horton, Director of Minitex, and I will alternate as your columnist in every other issue of Collaborative Librarianship. Read the full article [here](#).

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