

E-Book Subscriptions Provide **High Value Foundational Content for Research**

The 2016 *Library Journal* Ebook for U.S. Academic Libraries survey indicated shifts in e-book purchasing trends and usage models.

79%

79% of libraries preferred subscriptions as their top acquisition model



supporters of subscription collections frequently cited affordability as a purchase advantage



they also cited variety and content updates as the main reason for purchasing



55% of academic libraries provide simultaneous-user access while 34% are exclusively single-user

Top E-Book selection Criteria

- "User save, share, and download capabilities"
- "Persistent URLs"
- "Mobile-optimized"
- "PDF format"

As identified by **90%** of respondents

Top vendors

82%

EBSCO eBooks (EBSCOhost)

59%

Gale (GVRT/Gale Directory Library, Literature Criticism Online)

58%

ProQuest Ebook Central (formerly Ebrary & EBL)

38%

GOBI Library Solutions (now owned by EBSCO)

Top 5 Disciplines



48% Business



44% Nursing



43% Psychology



37% History



36% Education

"[E-book subscription collections offer] More content for your money, with less time involved in selecting each title. [Libraries] Can spend more time (money) on the 'must have!' content and less on the 'probably good?' material."

— a surveyed librarian