E-BOOKS IN OHIO: WHAT'S A LIBRARIAN TO DO?

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Decisions

- Duplication vs. De-duplication
- Blind vs. Advertised
- Mediated vs. Unmediated
- Librarian selection vs. Profile
- Short term loan vs. Perpetual access
- Downloading vs. Online use
- Single-user vs. Multiple user
- Deposit vs. Pay as you go

Vendor

- Invoicing
  - Via e-book vendor
  - Via intermediary (e.g., YBP)
- Catalog Records
  - In-house
  - OCLC WorldCat Partners
  - YBP or other vendor

Track, Code, Review, Document

- Track batch loads of bib records
- Code PDA bib records for easy retrieval
- Code PDA order records for options
- Review weekly usage reports
- Document PDA details for staff

ebrary

- Strengths
    - Easy to work with large PDA lists in admin
    - MARC records available via admin
    - Intuitive in-browser reading options
    - Detailed, granular reporting on use
    - Downloading feature optional
- Weaknesses
    - Mobile app & authentication complicated
    - Admin fund management non-intuitive
    - Customer support response time
    - Platform silo
    - Free bib records not OCLC records

EBSCO

- Strengths
  - Seamless integration with EBSCO products
  - EBSCO "brand"
  - Responsive customer support
  - Downloading feature optional
  - Free OCLC records EBSCO/WorldCat Partners
  - Nice mobile app
- Weaknesses
  - EBSCO Collection Manager (admin) underdeveloped
  - PDA usage reports lack details

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