

EBOOKS VS DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION

Library Monitoring Rubric - Section 1.2, 1.4
 Librarian Growth Rubric - Standard 6
 School Library Guide - Section 5.6



Mississippi school libraries are transitioning to more electronic content with ebooks, online databases, and virtual subscriptions.

There are different options when purchasing e-books:

- Single User vs Multi-User
- Reading Devices
- Length of Checkout (school year or calendar year)
- Circulation Policy
- Pricing
- Digital Content Portal/Application Requirements

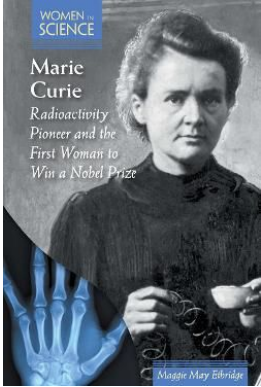
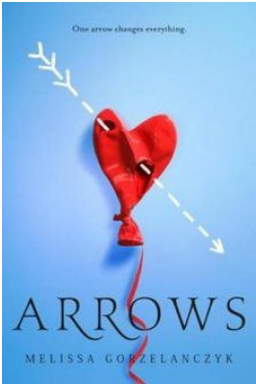
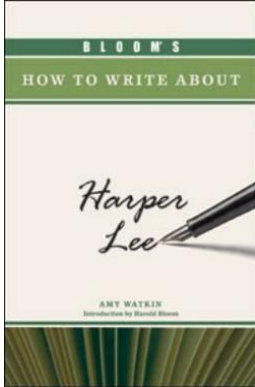
E-books should work alongside informational print resources to add interactive content such as videos, read-aloud support, and maps. E-books can offer an alternative for students that are reading below grade level.

1.2 General Collection

“Collection also includes ebooks that can be circulated or tracked through the library’s automated system.”

Explanation: Ebooks that are purchased from book vendors and incorporated through the library’s automated system can count towards the goal of 10 books per student. This type of ebook can be circulated and included into the library’s inventory reports.

Examples:

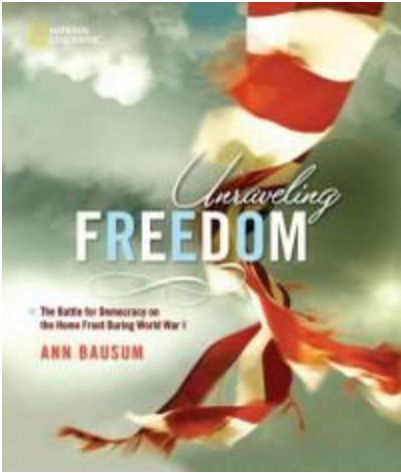
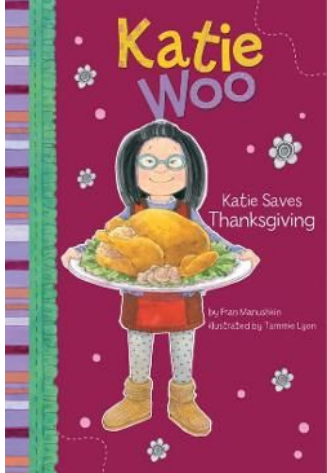
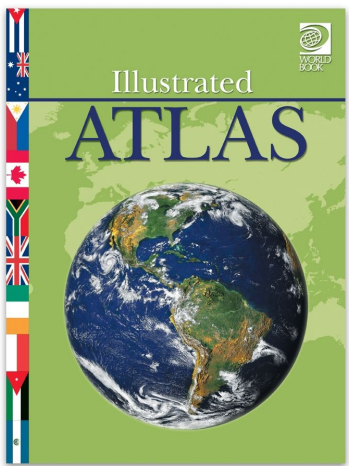
		
<p>Nonfiction Access: Single-User Format: Circulate through OPAC Price Range: Same as print Renew: Yearly</p>	<p>Fiction Access: Multi-User Format: Circulate through OPAC Price Range: 3x as print format Renew: Yearly</p>	<p>Reference Access: Multi-User Format: Circulate through OPAC Price Range: Same as print Renew: Never</p>

1.4 Non-Print Resources

"Collection includes internet resources, MAGNOLIA, audio/visual, technology, and digital and ebook subscriptions."

Explanation: Not all ebook subscriptions have MARC Records that can be circulated or tracked in the library's OPAC system. Ebook subscriptions can add and remove titles in the collection without notification prompting the librarian to constantly update the OPAC records. Some ebook subscriptions are a part of downloadable application in which no circulation or tracking can be accomplished. These ebook subscriptions can help increase non-print, reference, and professional collections in the school library.

Examples:

		
<p>Nonfiction Access: Single-User Format: Table or Smartphone App MARC: No Renew: Never</p>	<p>Fiction Access: Multi-User Format: Website Link or App MARC: Yes Renew: Yearly</p>	<p>Reference Access: Multi-User Format: Website Link MARC: Yes Renew: Yearly</p>

Ebook Collection Call Numbers

→ **Prefix**

→ **Dewey Decimal**

→ **Cutter**

Nonfiction

Marie Curie by Maggie May Ethridge **EBK 540.92 ETH**

Unraveling Freedom by Ann Bausum **EBK 940.3 BAU**

Fiction

Arrows by Melissa Gorzelanczyk **EBK FIC GOR**

Katie Saves Thanksgiving by Fran Manushkin **EBK FIC MAN**

Reference

How to Write about Harper Lee by Amy S. Watkin **EBK REF 813 WAT**

Illustrated Atlas by World Book **EBK REF 912 WBK**