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E-books @ University of Lethbridge Library: a snapshot

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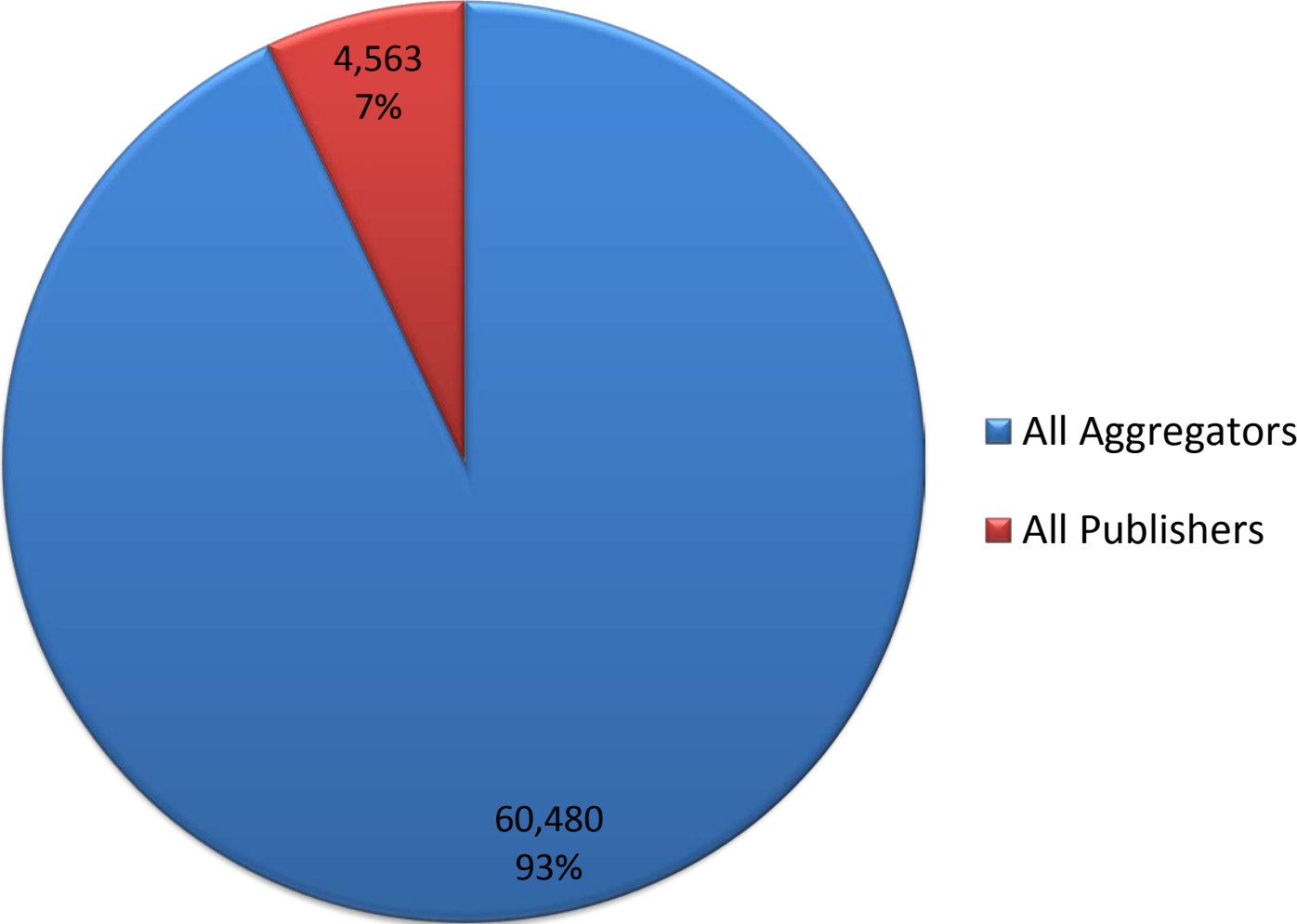# E-books @ University of Lethbridge Library: A Snapshot

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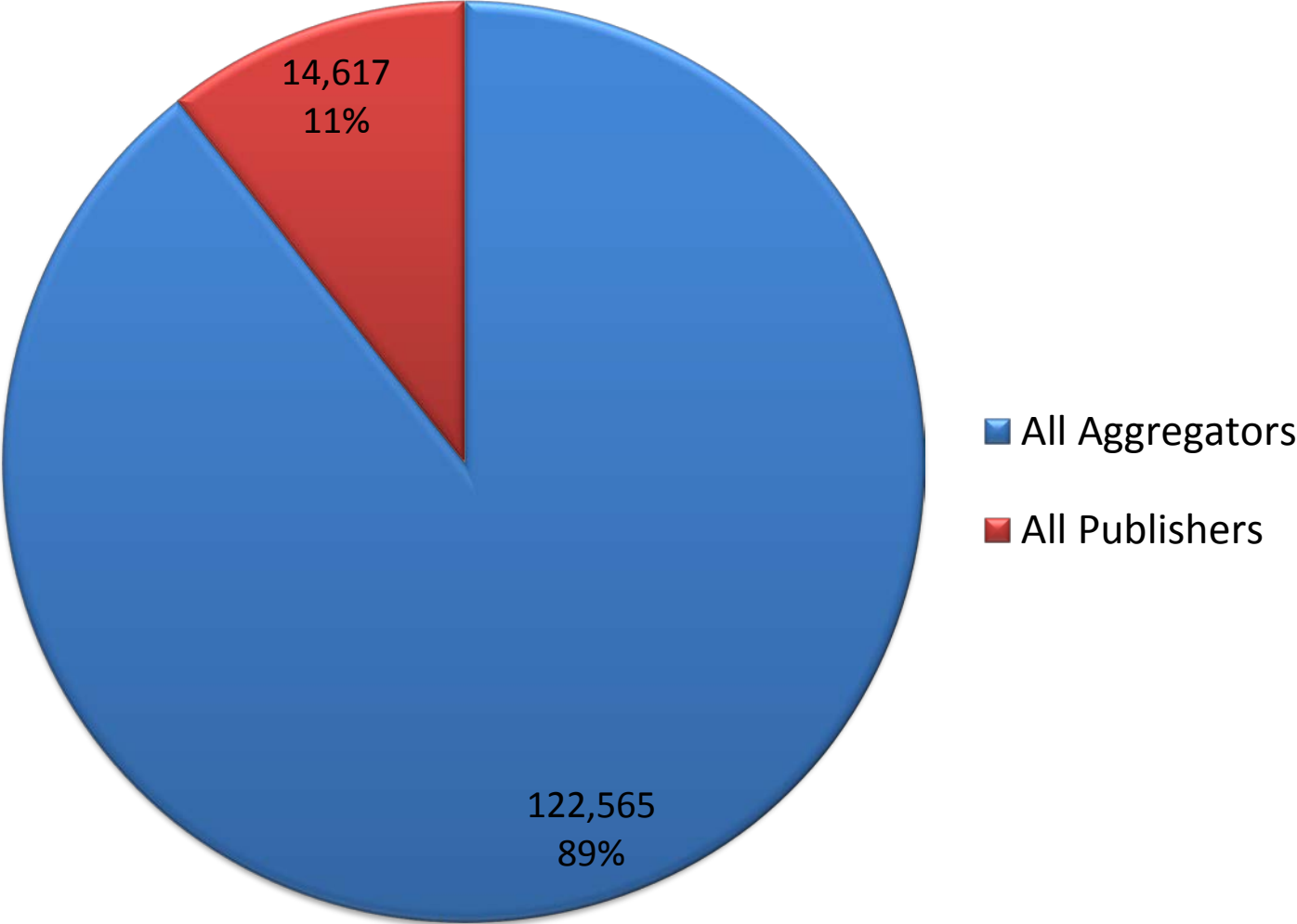and the Collections Work Team
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Current Collection and Usage

- 19 e-book providers
- 4 aggregator platforms
  - Ebrary, EBL, MyiLibrary, Ebsco/Netbook
- 11 publisher platforms (title by title purchase)
  - E.g., Elsevier (ScienceDirect), Wiley, Cambridge
- 4 publisher platforms (e-collections)
  - Springer, Oxford Reference Online, Credo, CRCnetBASE

Current E-Book Collection (2014)

4,563
7%

60,480
93%

■ All Aggregators

■ All Publishers

E-Book Use (2014)

14,617
11%

122,565
89%

■ All Aggregators

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Aggregators: Current E-Book Collection (2014)
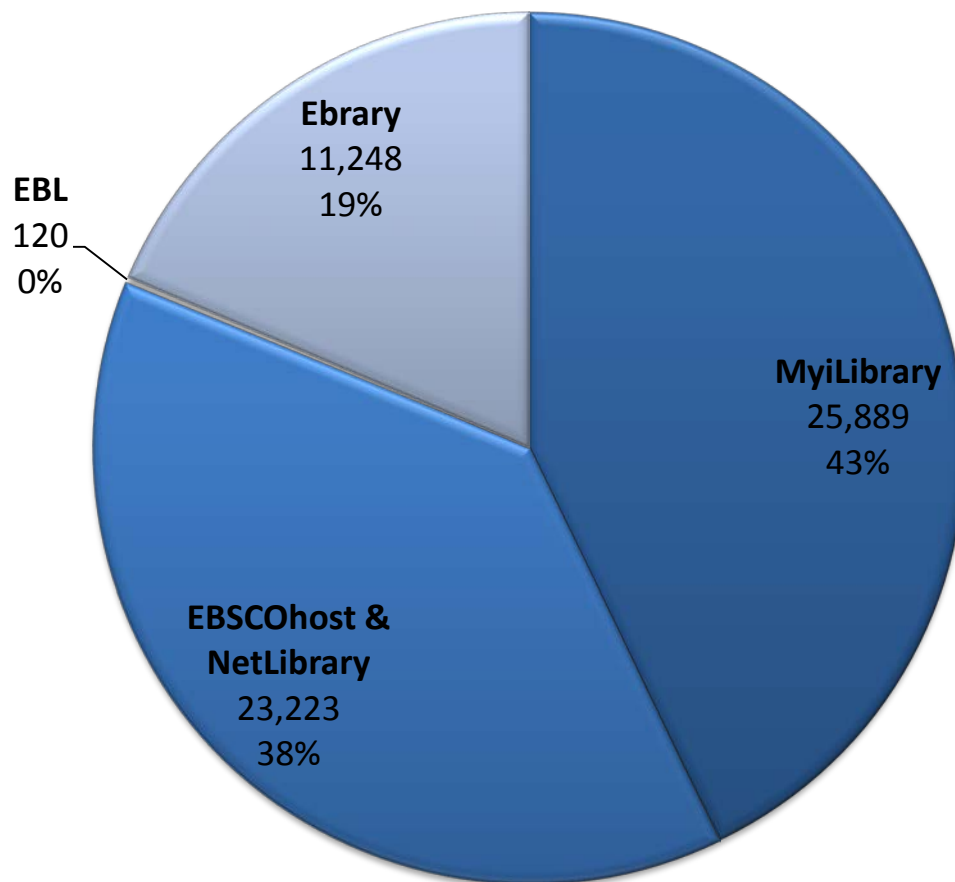
Aggregators: E-Book Use (2014)

- **Ebrary** 46,866 — 38%
- **MyiLibrary** 73,719 — 60%
- **EBL** 73 — 0%
- **EBSCOhost & NetLibrary** 1,907 — 2%
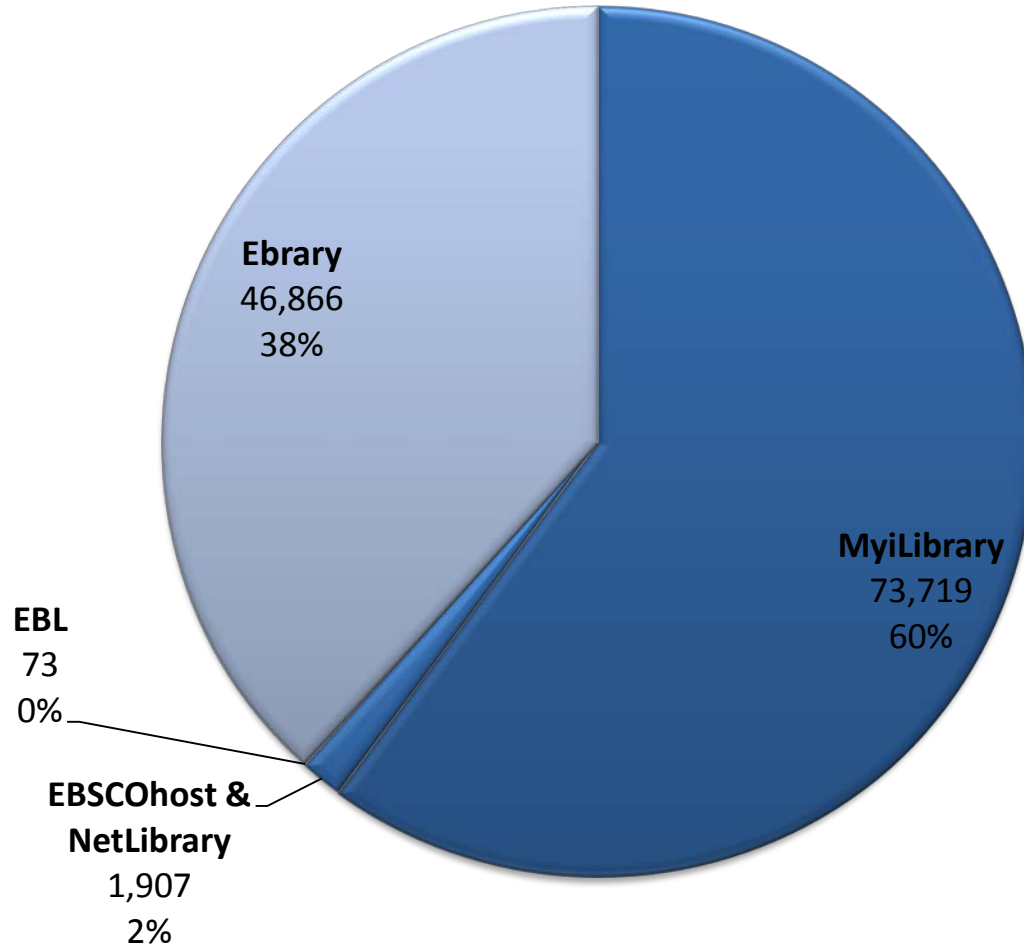
Publishers: Current E-Book Collection (2014)

- **Morgan & Claypool** 295 — 6%
- **Others** 423 — 9%
- **Credo Reference** 669 — 15%
- **SpringerLink/ Springer/ Metapress** 2,278 — 50%
- **Emerald Insight** 898 — 20%

Publishers: E-Book Use (2014)

- **Gale Virtual Reference Library** 627 4%
- **ScienceDirect/ Elsevier** 676 5%
- **Oxford Reference Online** 1,630 11%
- **Credo Reference** 4,844 33%
- **Others** 819 6%
- **SpringerLink/ Springer/ Metapress** 6,021 41%
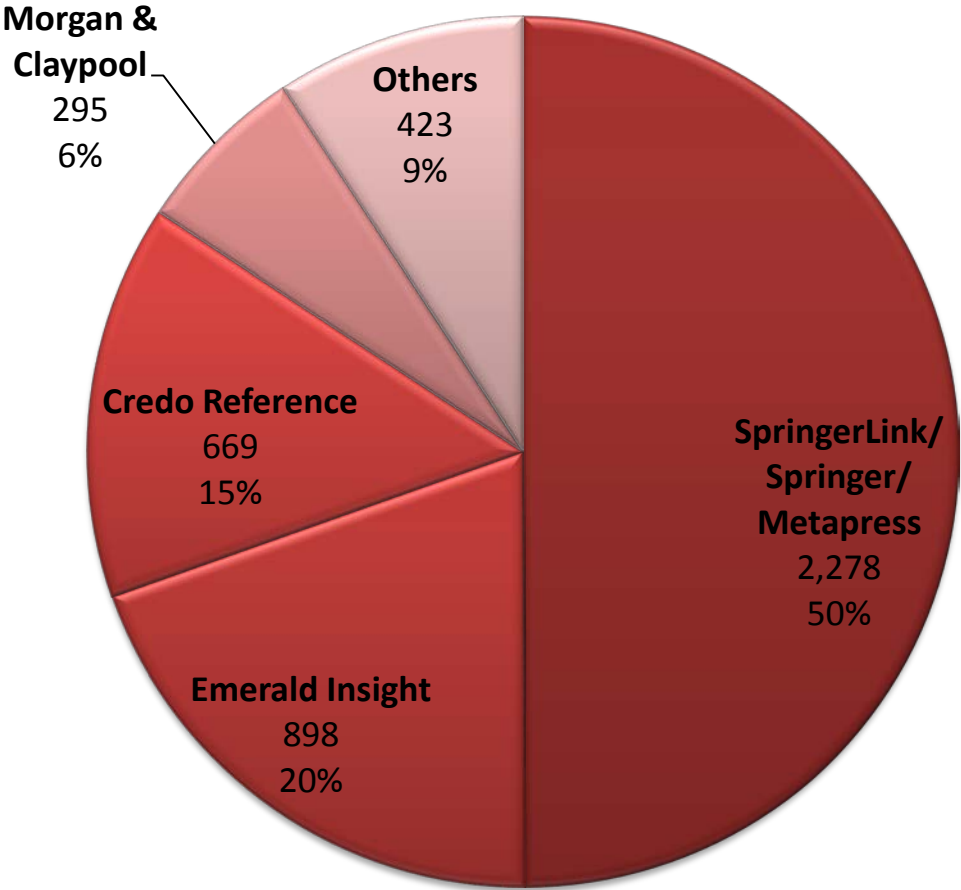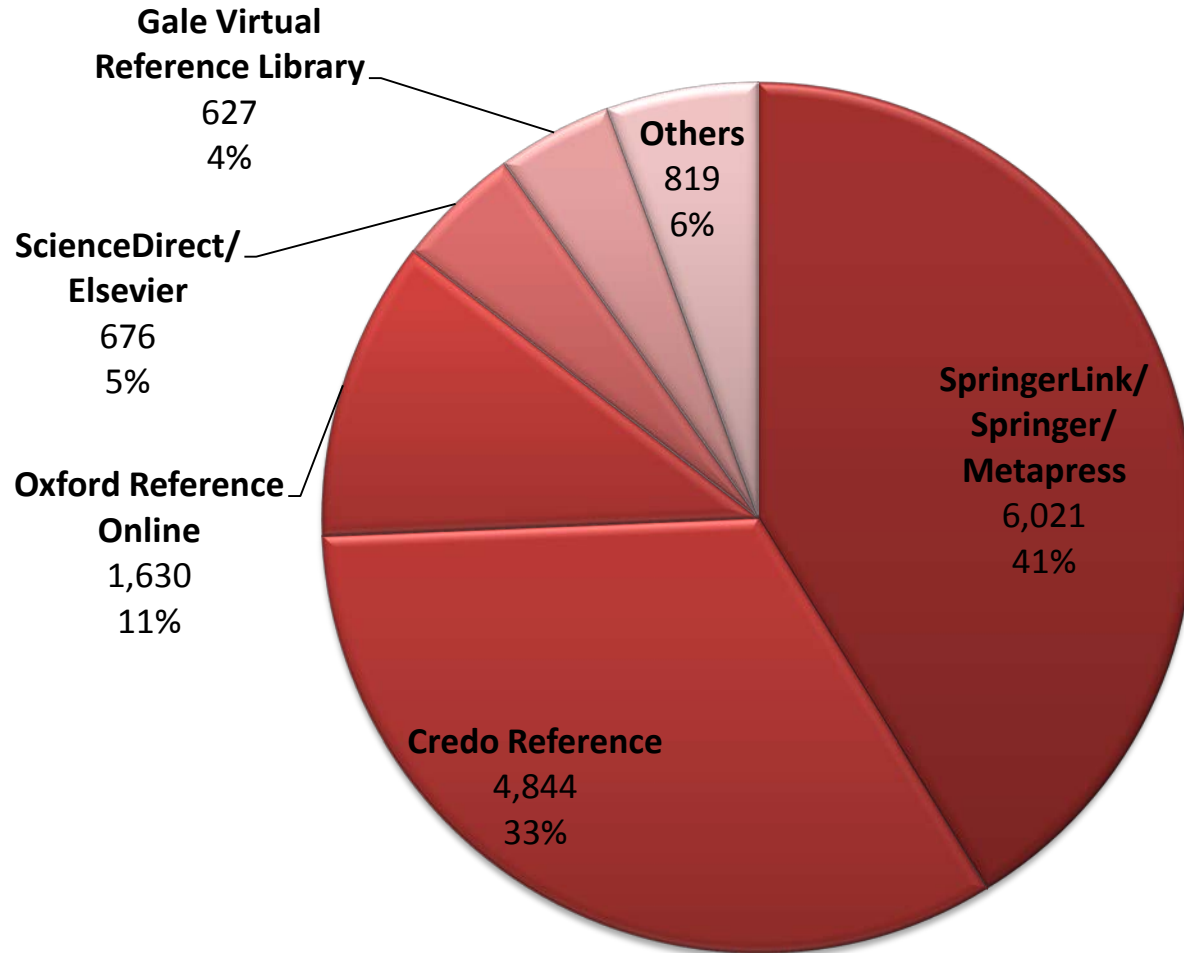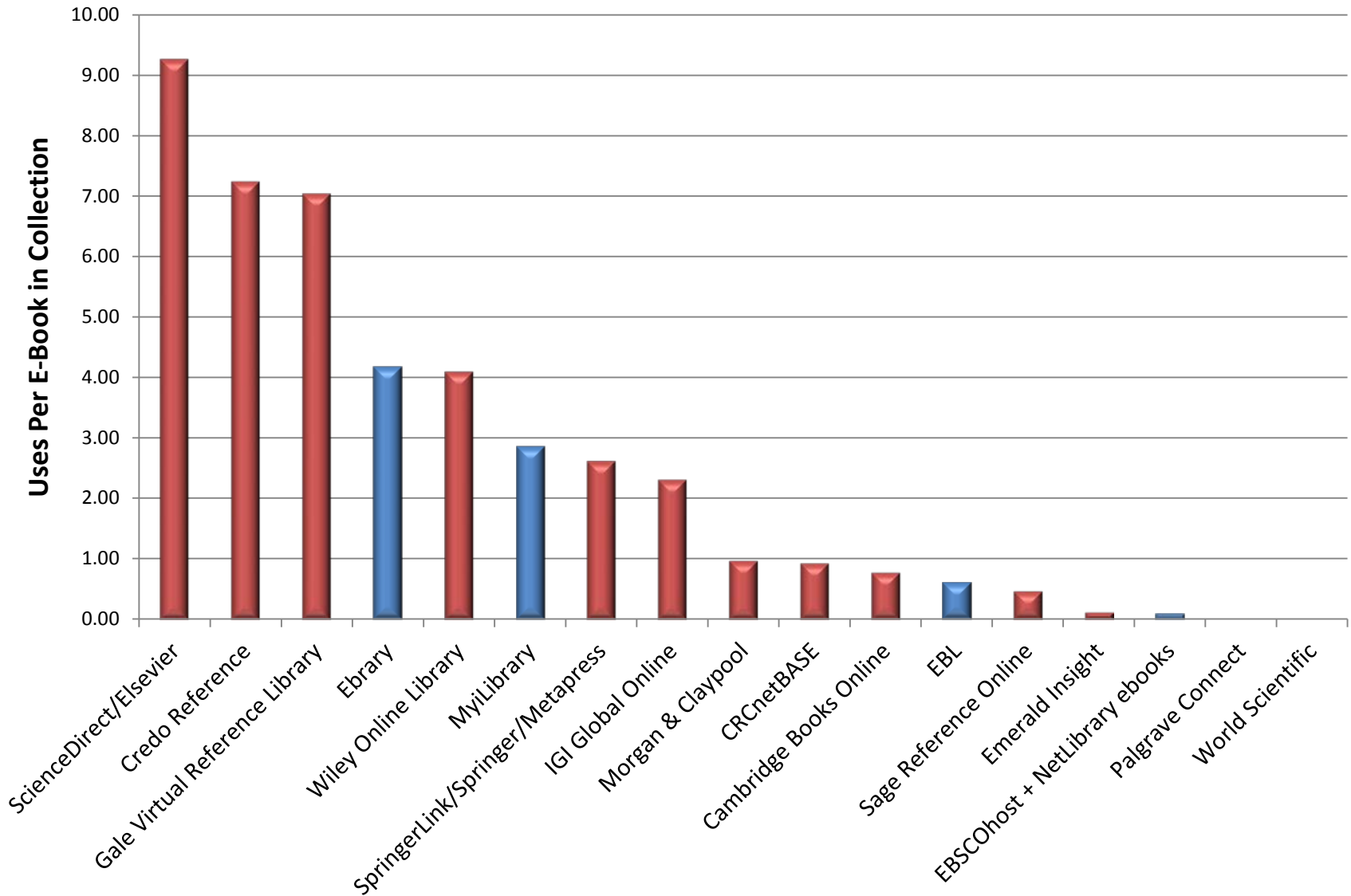
Uses Per E-Book (2014)*

*Oxford Reference Online (181.11 uses per e-book) omitted

Licensing Considerations

- Licenses vary!
  - Some standard limitations:
    - only authorized users can access
    - cannot override DRM
    - no commercial use
    - no extensive or systematic downloading/copying
    - cannot remove/alter copyright, citation, or trademark info
    - some allowance for downloading and printing
  - COPPUL & CRKN consortial licenses among the best we have (e.g. Wiley, Elsevier)
    - more open, more Canadian-focussed

Licensing Considerations

- Things to look for:
  - Who are authorized users?
  - Use for education allowed, as well as personal and research use?
  - Can we use for ILL, coursepacks, e-reserves, Moodle, scholarly sharing?
  - Acknowledgment of non-USA use and law?
  - Are we granted perpetual access?
  - How many users allowed at a time?
  - Nonlinear lending?

	Ebrary	EBL	EbscoHost/ NetLibrary	MyiLibrary
# Users	1, 3, 10	3 or Non-linear lending (325 uses/year)	1, 3, multiple (unlimited)	1, 3
ILL	Yes	No	No	No
Moodle, e-reserve	USA fair use or linking only	Can put book on e-reserve, takes it out of circulation	USA fair use	No
Coursepacks, print reserve	USA fair use	1 chapter	USA fair use	No
Scholarly sharing	Yes	No	No	No
	Our current DDA option; new "check-out" option.	Must sign in, due to non-linear lending.	No privacy clause.	"Educational use" permitted; no privacy clause for patrons, but privacy clause for MyiLibrary; smallest download/print allowance.

	Publisher Platforms
# Users	Usually unlimited
ILL	Usually yes
Moodle, e-reserve	Usually yes
Coursepacks, print reserve	Usually yes
Scholarly sharing	Some
	Usually chapter by chapter PDFs; usually no option to "check out" or download entire book.

Platform Usability Considerations

- What are the limits on printing/downloading?
- Check-out/download to e-reader options? (e.g., Ebrary)
- Format (PDF, ePUB, html)
- Log-ins required? Extra features with log-in?
- Usability
- Accessibility
- Publisher v. aggregator

Changes coming…

- Changes in DRM management
- E-book lending platforms for academic libraries (e.g., Overdrive; Lexis Nexis digital library)
- Academic press e-book aggregators (e.g., Project Muse, JSTOR)
- Standardization of e-book platforms
- Mergers & acquisitions (e.g., Proquest's Ebrary absorbed EBL; Proquest took over MyiLibrary)

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