

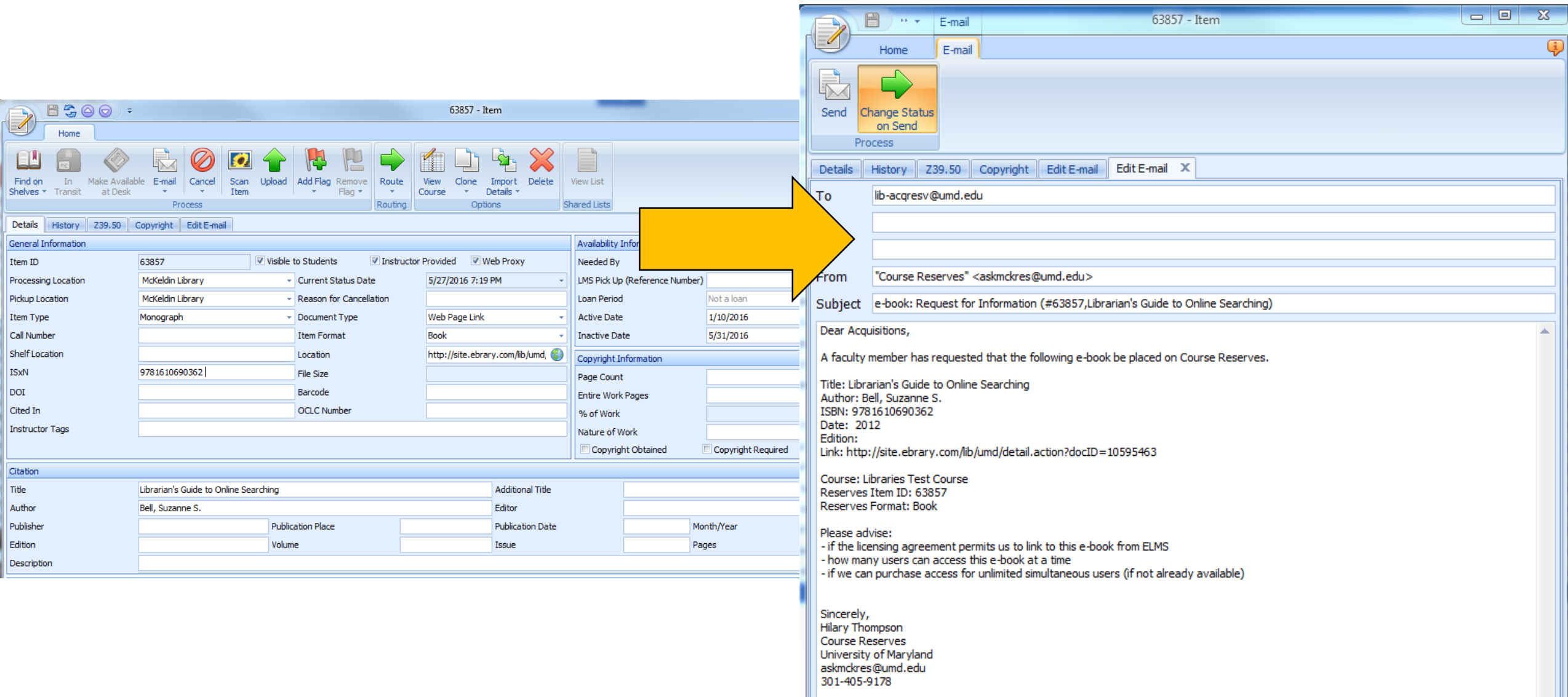
Untangling Knots: Determining E-book Suitability for Course Reserves



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Spring 2016 Pilot: Vetting E-books by Email



The screenshot displays a library system interface for item 63857. The top toolbar includes buttons for 'Find on Shelves', 'In Transit', 'Make Available at Desk', 'E-mail', 'Cancel', 'Scan Item', 'Upload', 'Add Flag', 'Remove Flag', 'Route', 'View Course', 'Clone', 'Import Details', 'Delete', and 'View List'. Below the toolbar, the 'Process' section contains 'Routing' and 'Options' buttons. The 'Edit E-mail' button is highlighted, and a yellow arrow points from it to the email content area on the right.

The email content area shows the following details:

To: lib-acqresv@umd.edu

From: "Course Reserves" <askmckres@umd.edu>

Subject: e-book: Request for Information (#63857, Librarian's Guide to Online Searching)

Dear Acquisitions,

A faculty member has requested that the following e-book be placed on Course Reserves.

Title: Librarian's Guide to Online Searching
Author: Bell, Suzanne S.
ISBN: 9781610690362
Date: 2012
Edition:
Link: <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/umd/detail.action?docID=10595463>

Course: Libraries Test Course
Reserves Item ID: 63857
Reserves Format: Book

Please advise:

- if the licensing agreement permits us to link to this e-book from ELMS
- how many users can access this e-book at a time
- if we can purchase access for unlimited simultaneous users (if not already available)

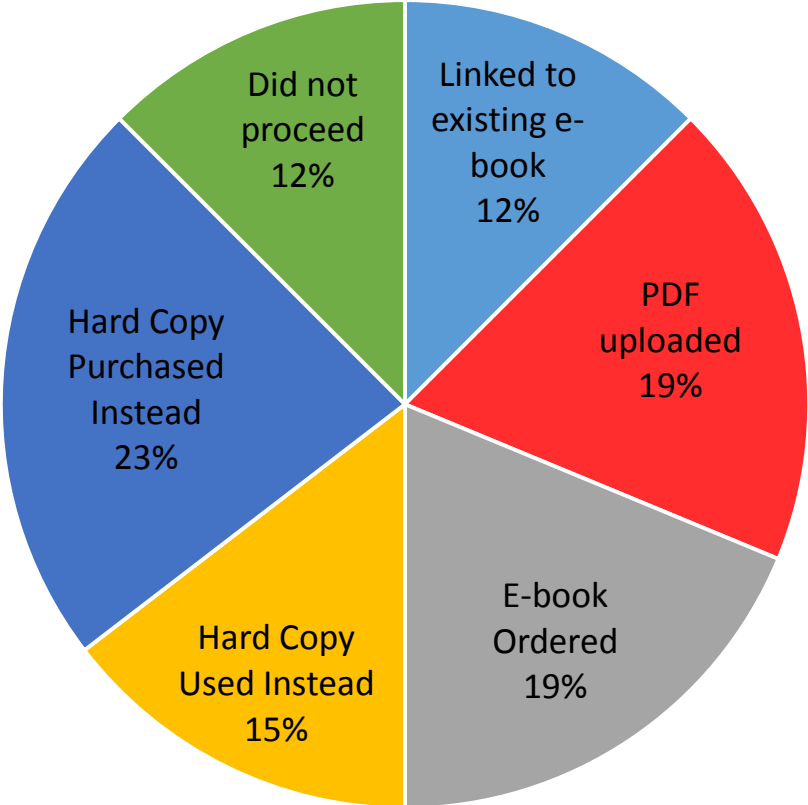
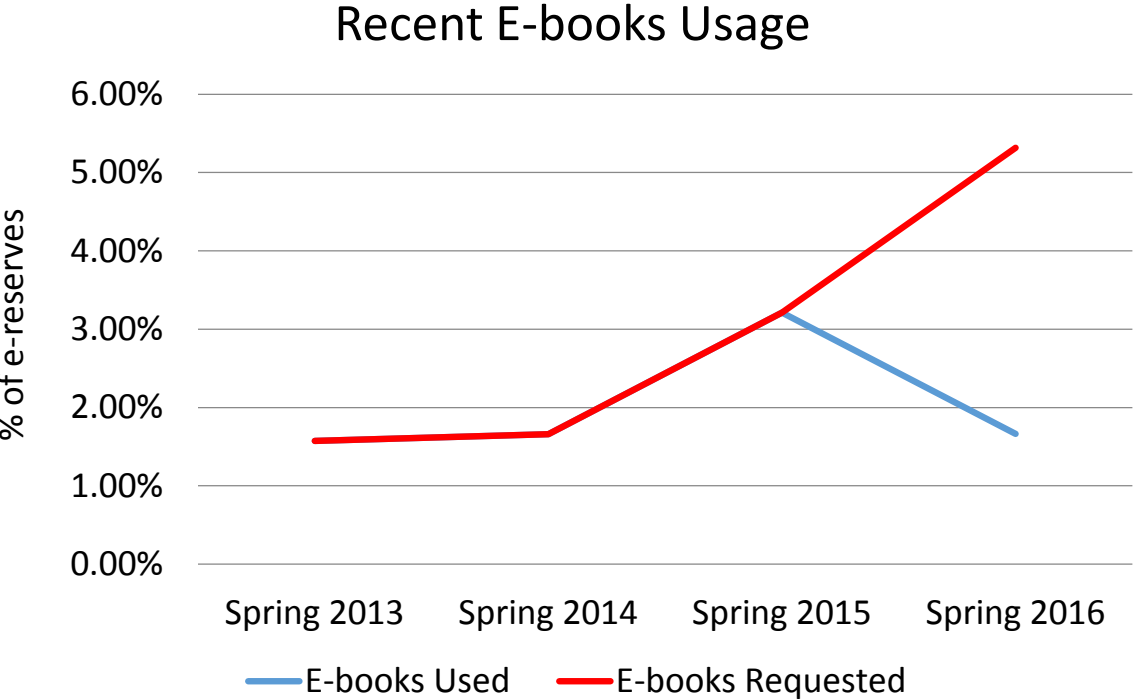
Sincerely,
Hilary Thompson
Course Reserves
University of Maryland
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301-405-9178

Spring 2016 Pilot Results

64 requests for 52 e-books

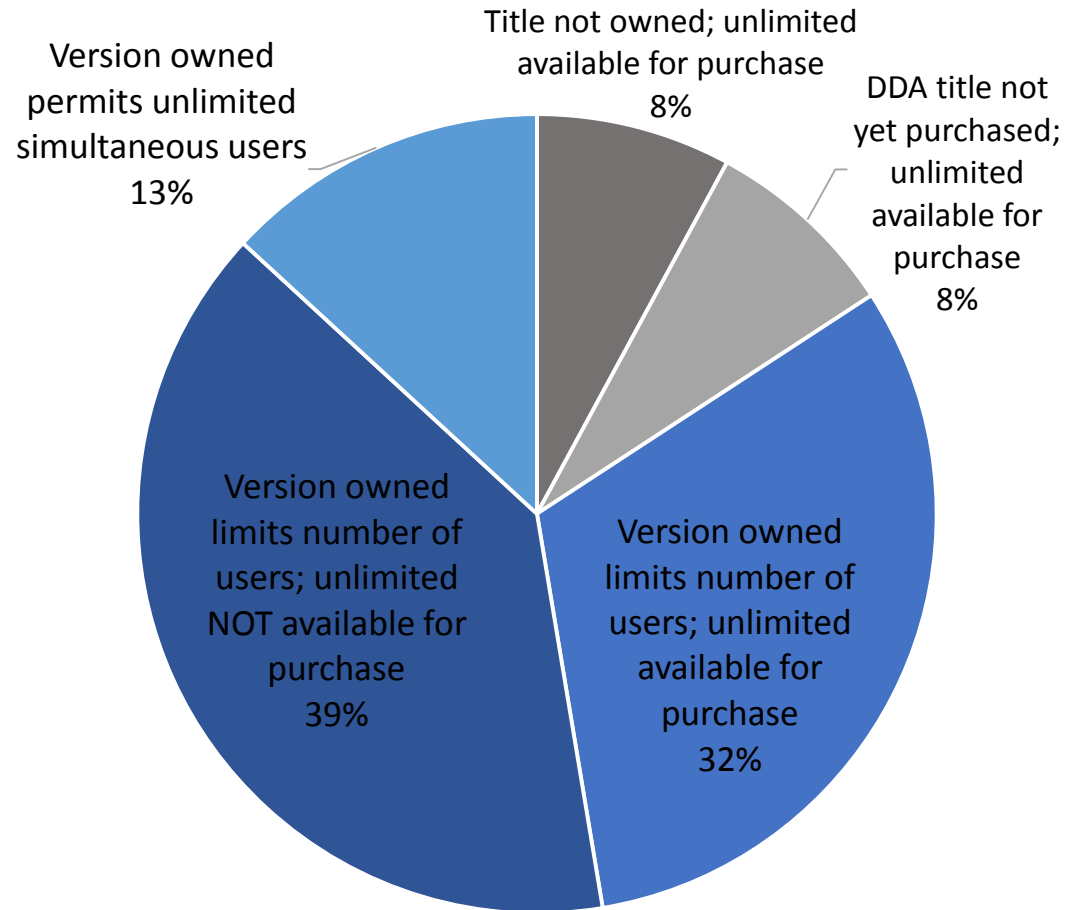
46 e-books vetted by Acquisitions

Actions Taken After Vetting Ebooks

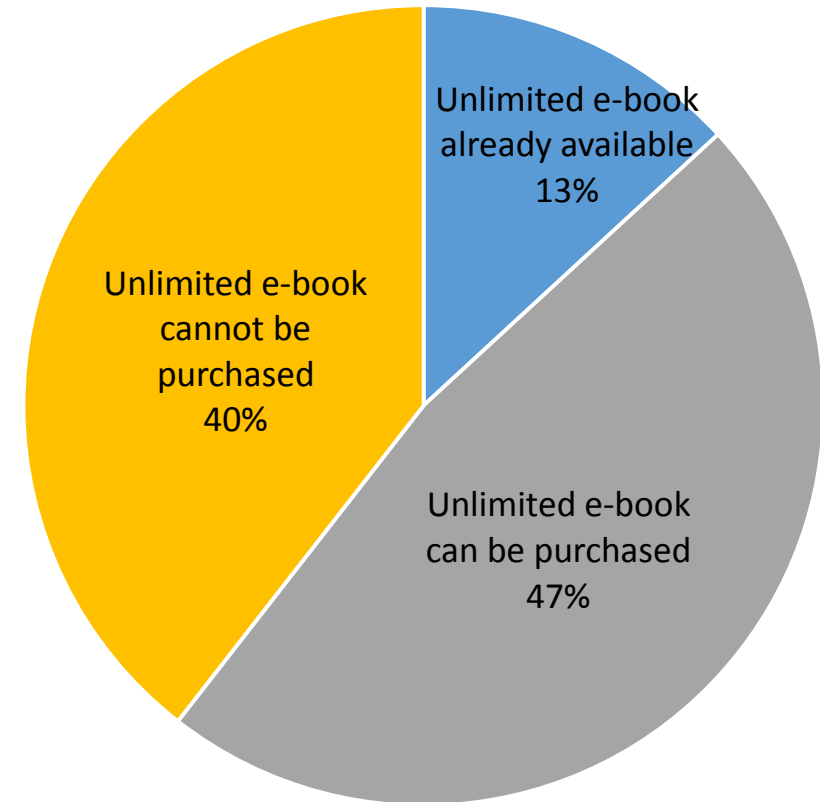


Spring 2016 Pilot Results: Availability

Current E-book Availability

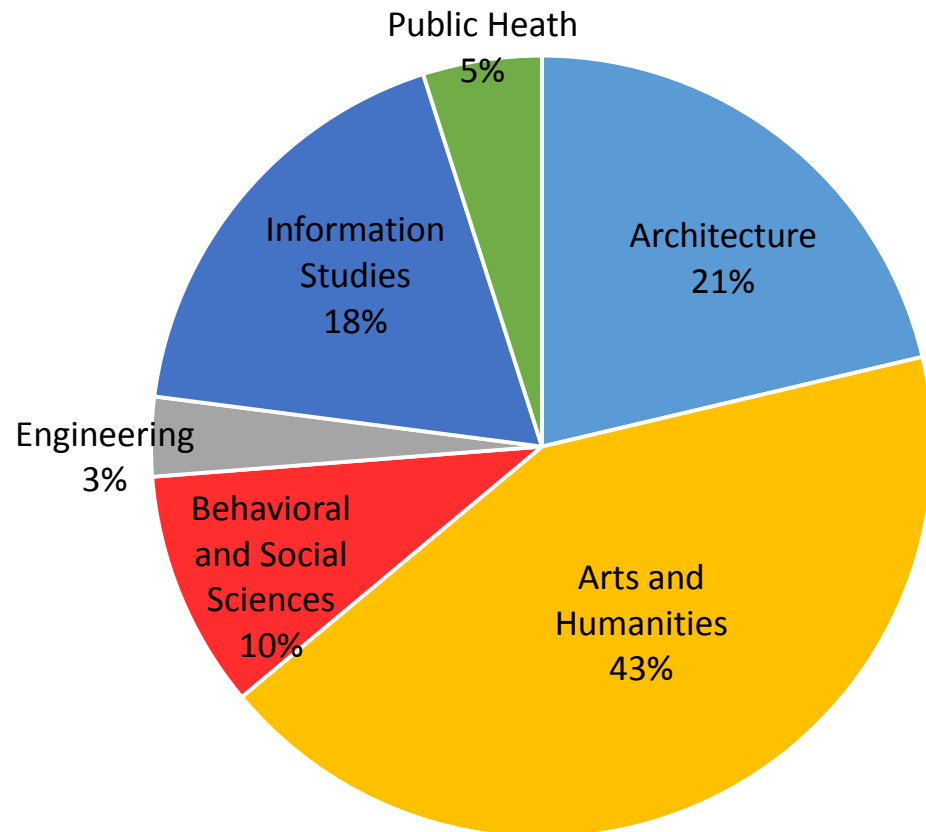


Availability of Unlimited E-books

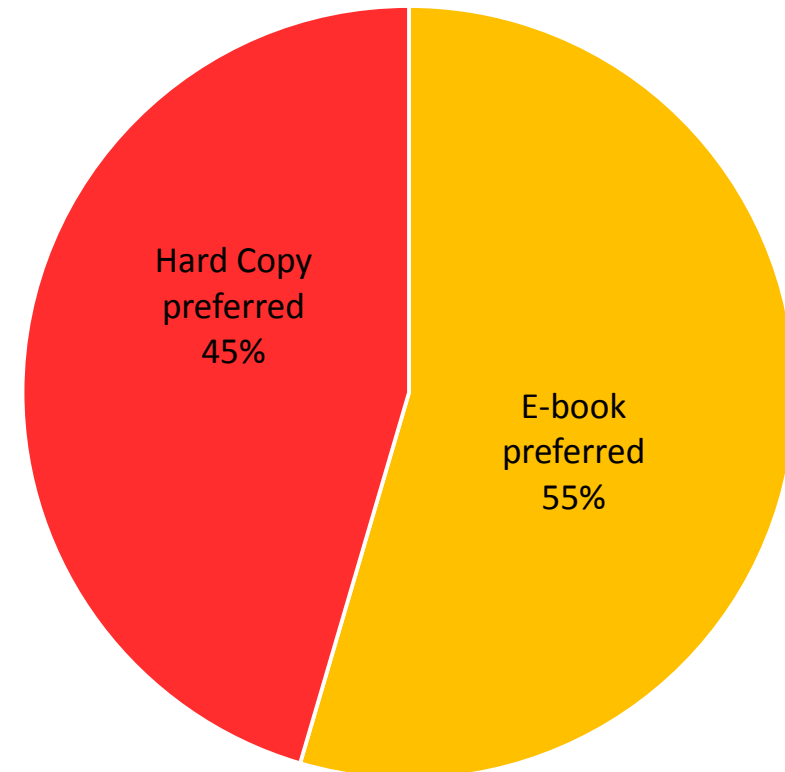


Spring 2016 Pilot Results: Instructors

Requests for E-books by College/School

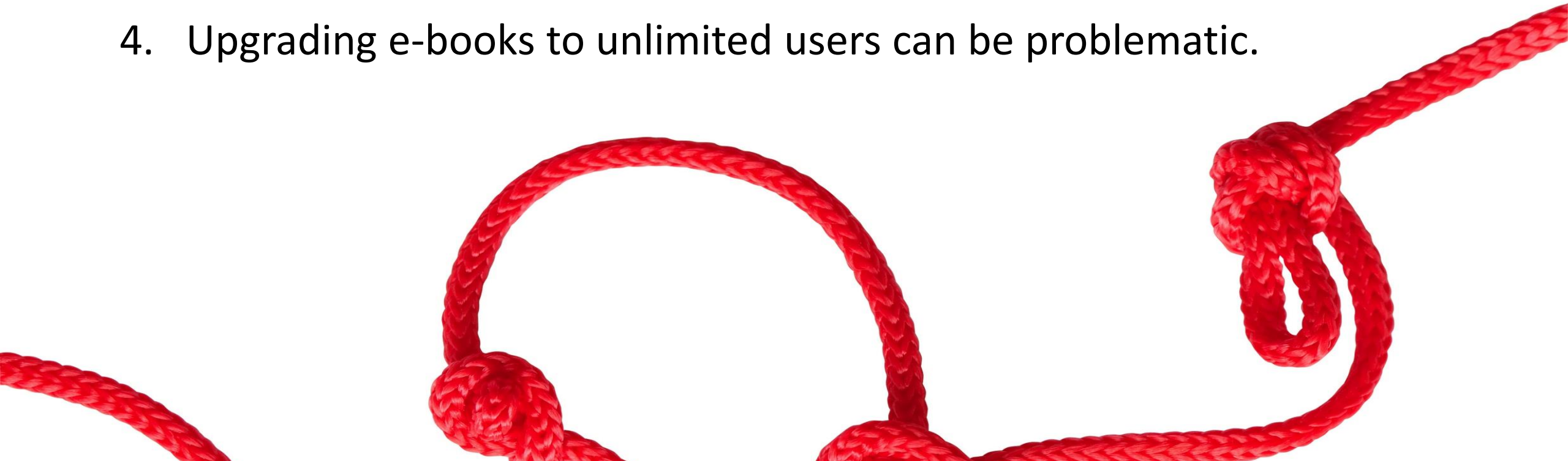


Instructor Preference when Purchasing



Lessons Learned

1. Vetting e-books before posting to ELMS is essential for Reserves staff.
2. Vetting e-books is an added benefit for instructors' using e-reserves.
3. Instructors rarely make their format preference clear.
4. Upgrading e-books to unlimited users can be problematic.



Next Steps

1. Utilize GOBI add-on within Ares to expedite verification process
2. Educate liaison librarians re: using e-books as required readings.
3. Propose modification to Suggest a Purchase form and ERF order form to ask if e-book will be required reading for a course.

