

**E- book subscription in university libraries:
a case of Jawaharlal Nehru University,
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Use of e books

- The Global e-Book Report(Wischenbar,2015)
- ARL report
- e- culture -“Digital India” -E-basta (www.basta.in)
- NCERT(National Council of Education Research and Training) text books
- Largest youth population in India

Jawaharlal Nehru University

- Publicly –funded university
- 10 Schools of Studies
- 4 Special centres
- Constituency -500+faculty members,8000 students,1350 non teaching staff.

Central Library

- The Jawaharlal Nehru University Library has a collection of 600,000 volumes. It subscribes to 260 print and 116 online journals. It has access to more than 56 databases and 2 00,000+ e- books across various subject areas. Recently, the library has already digitized more than 20,000 theses and dissertations that are available full text on the university LAN. Out of 20,000, 5000+ are accessible through Shodhganga.

Central Library

- The library has a separate unit, which is known as Helen Keller unit, to support the learning and academic endeavours of the visually challenged students of the University.

Reason for acquiring e- books

- During 2012-2014, Central Library, made a strategic decision to opt for the purchase of electronic access over print materials wherever it was possible to do the same.
- Other reasons

Collections of E- books at the Central Library

- E- Book collections have been developed in the following two ways at the Central Library of Jawaharlal Nehru University:

Library has licensed individual titles from Ebsco, Oxford, Cambridge and e- brary.

It has subscribed to various collections or bundles of e- books of Ebsco, Springer and ECCO.

Collections of E- books at the Central Library

- Library implemented e- books by subscribing to the collection of 135,203 EBSCO e- books from different subject areas. The size of e- book collection is an important factor in determining or driving or accelerating the use of e-books. If the size of the collection is big, the students are very likely to get what they need for their information and academic requirements

E- book subscription

- Selection, Acquisition and Management of e-books
Budgeting and Finance
- Processing of e- books
- Promotion of e- books and training sessions for users.
- Usage statistics

Lessons learnt

- Non Availability of content
- Price of e- books
- Business models
- Digital Rights Management (DRM)
- Training of the staff

Conclusion

- use of e- book is on the increase as the new generation of users is more inclined towards using the e- content.
- at the same time, there are many dampers which curb the free use and popularity of e- books.
- cost of e- books is more than their print counterparts