

E-Books

The MPC Library has added a new collection of over 15000 electronic books available for students, faculty and staff. This collection continues to grow.

What are E-Books?

- E-Books are electronic versions of printed books.
- While E-books are NOT intended to replace our print collection, in many cases, they allow us to offer access to material we would not otherwise be able to include in our collection.
- Since the library has limited funds, we are not always able to maintain the most up-to-date collection of print materials.
- With E-books, we are able to provide and maintain an up-to-date collection in a wide range of subjects such as technology and computer sciences, health, business, psychology, literature and much more.
- In areas such as technology, computer sciences and health, information changes quickly and electronic books are a good source of current information.

Advantages of E-Books

- E-Books can be viewed online from any PC connected to the Internet.
- E-Books are available at your convenience – anywhere, anytime.
- Availability to zoom the text to a size you can read.
- When you “check out” an e-book, it is available to you only for the period of time you are actively reading online, and when you log off the computer, the e-book is “returned” and available for another user.

Disadvantages of E-Books

- You need Internet access to read E-books.
- Some people do not feel comfortable reading on a screen.
- Potential loss of downloaded copies.
- Limited battery life on devices used to read the book.

How to Access E-Books

- Using E-Books from the MPC campus computers is easy!
- If you are on campus, no passwords or usernames are necessary.
- When you are off campus, you will log on using your library barcode number.
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