Examining e-Textbooks

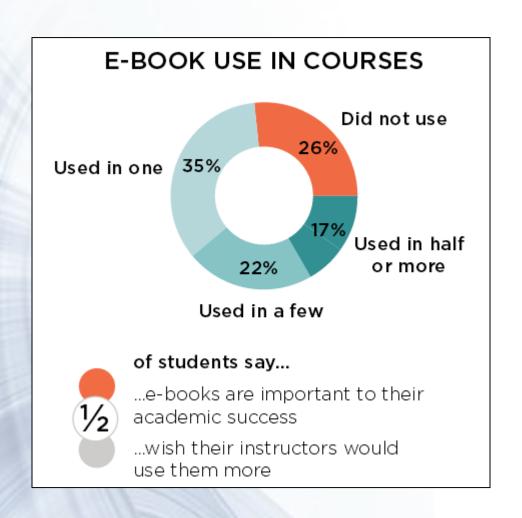
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Textbook Costs

- \$900 \$1200 cost per year for students
- Can be 25% of cost of attending college
- Average 12% price increase on new editions, every 3 – 4 years
- 10 50% cost increase for bundled content (CDs, online content keys, etc.)

E-Text Adoption



Student Issues

- No cost savings if e-options unappealing
- Desire for the print/physical experience
- Unfamiliarity with rental/no resale systems
- Skim reading
- Finding content digitally

Accessibility

- Institutions must ensure equal access to educational benefits and opportunities: with substantially equivalent ease of use
- Regulations apply to all school operations: faculty, staff and students
- Device neutral e-textbook options are best route

Elgin Pilot

- Fall 2010, 11 students
- Received Cengage e-textbooks & HP netbooks
- 86% were first time e-textbook users
- 86% were willing to embrace an all-in-one device for books/texts/phone/MS Office
- 43% strongly interested in pre-loaded device with e-Textbooks & MS Office

Elgin Pilot

- Determining Factors
 - Cost savings
 - Type of course
- Experience mostly the same as print
- Hindrances: technology related
- Most students would continue using etextbooks

- Teach without a textbook
 - Curate internet-based/open content
 - Can be time-consuming
 - Does your subject lend itself to this?

- Bookstores
 - Traditional bookstores are adding e-textbooks
 - Virtual marketplaces (Akadémos)

- Open Textbooks / Open Education Resources (OER)
 - Creative Commons License
 - Author not compensated for use
 - Free to read, print, download, or modify
 - Attribution must be provided for author

OER Sources

- OpenStax College
 - Carl Sandburg
 - Richland
 - Rock Valley
 - Southwestern

OER Sources

- oerconsortium.org
- OER Commons
- Connexions
- Boundless
- Collegeopentextbooks

- The Saylor Foundation
- The Global Textbook Project
- Wikibooks
- Bookboon

Flat World Knowledge

- "Fair" model
- Authors earn 20% royalties
- Creative Commons Licensing



http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/150000-College-Students-Save-12-Million-Using-Flat-World-Knowledge-Open-Textbooks-2010-1307980.htm
http://www.flatworldknowledge.com/
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flat_World_Knowledge

Flat World Knowledge

- Instructor page & supplemental materials
- Unique URL for each class
- Class finder for students
- Over 50% of students purchase a print/download format
 - \$39.95/B & W or \$129.95/Color

Flat World Users

Carl Sandburg

Danville

Heartland

Joliet

Kankakee

Lake Land

Lincoln Land

Moraine Valley

Parkland

Rock Valley

Sauk Valley

Shawnee

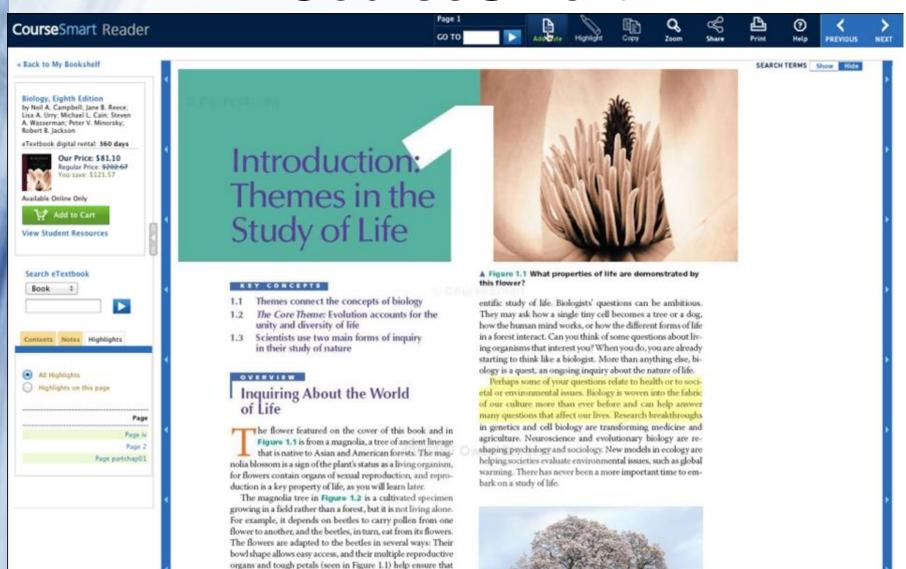
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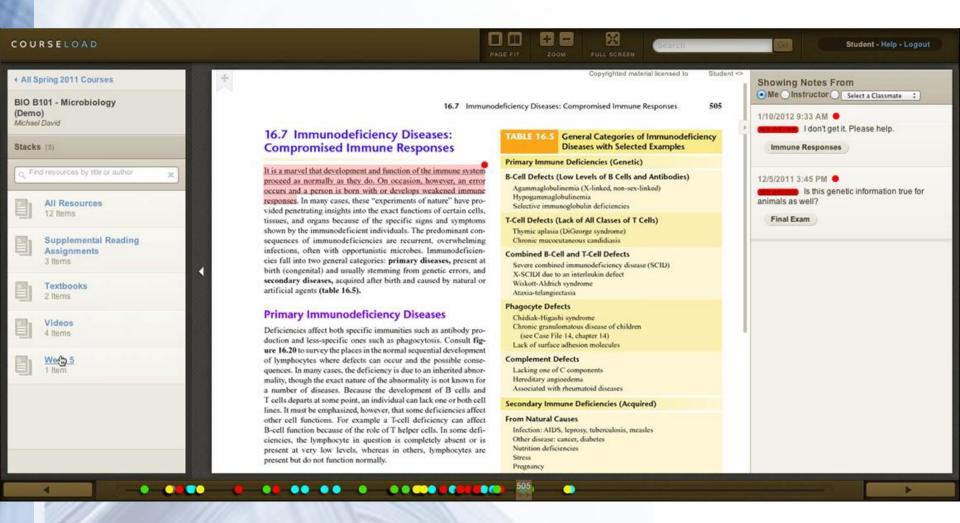
Waubonsee

- Proprietary systems
 - Content aggregator or intermediary
 - Device neutral, online access
 - LMS integration
 - Maintain book-like features
 - Print options
 - Cost / length of use

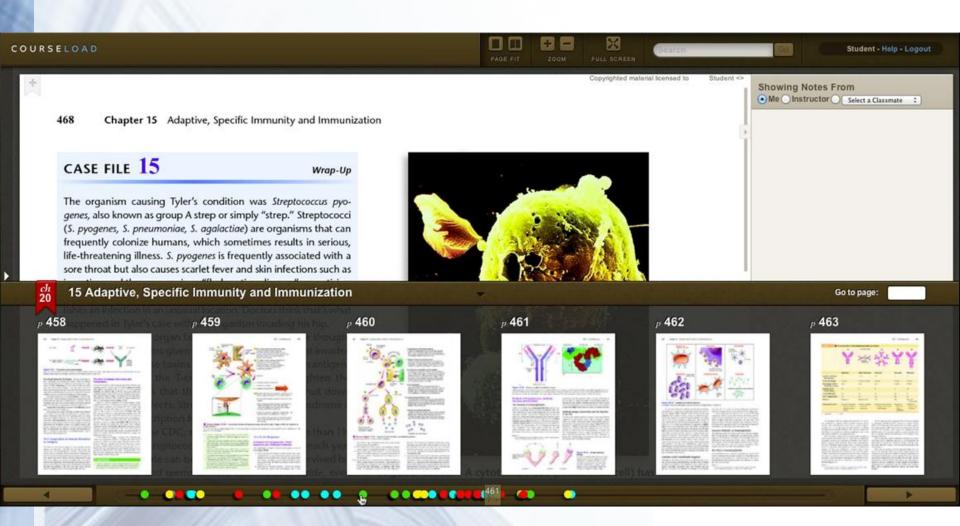
CourseSmart



Courseload



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Illinois Users

- CourseSmart:
 - Waubonsee Community College

- Courseload
 - City Colleges of Chicago (Spring 2013 pilot)

Questions

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