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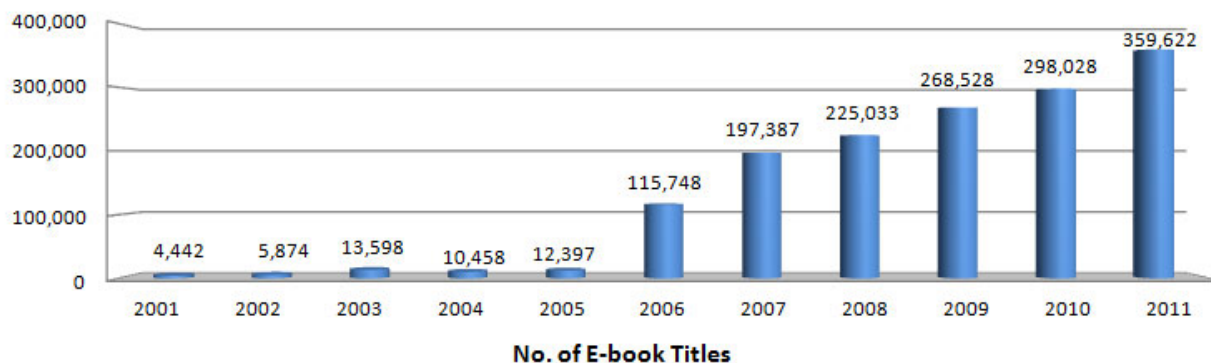| FEATURE STORY | HIGHLIGHTS | RESEARCH CORNER | USER EDUCATION | COLLECTIONS | E-LEARNING | LIB REVITALIZATION | PROFILE |

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- **E-book Collection**

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✴ **The Growth of e-book Collection in the Library**

The Library began to collect e-books in the early 2000s. E-books have been added significantly to our collections since 2005. The following statistics shows the growth of e-books in our Library:

No. of E-book Titles

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✴ **What Kinds of e-books are Available in the Library?**

E-book Collection	No. of Titles	Subject Themes	No. of Concurrent Users	Remote Access Rights
AccessMedicine It provides access to authoritative and current knowledge for medical diagnoses, research and education.	85	Medicine	5	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
ACS Symposium Series (Online) The series contains high-quality, peer-reviewed books developed from the ACS technical divisions' symposia.	30	Chemistry	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
Apabi A collection of Chinese e-books covers a wide variety of subject areas. It includes textbooks, year-books, standards and laws.	78,228	Multi-disciplines	30 mins. Online unlimited reading; 1 for check out of the book	A - All authorized Library users
Blackwell Reference Online It provides access to the most authoritative and up-to-date scholarship across the humanities and social sciences.	256	Business, humanities and social science	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
Books24x7 The ITPro Collection provides an instant access to thousands of titles on computing, technology and business published by the world's leading publishers.	10,400	IT, computing, technology and business	4	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
Books@Ovid It contains two collections - the Lippincott/Springhouse Lippincott's Clinical Choice, and the Lippincott/Springhouse Nursing Collection.	126	Medicine and nursing	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only

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Cambridge Books Online It covers subjects from all disciplines. Available titles are marked with a bright green "P".	620	Science, technology, medicine, humanities and social sciences	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
Credo Reference It features full-text contents from hundreds of reference books covering a broad range of subjects. There are over 3 million entries, 200,000+ images (art, diagrams, maps and photos), and over 100,000 audio pronunciation files and sound clips.	585	Multi-disciplines	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
ebrary + ECHO e-books It's an ebook aggregator which offers a wide range of e-books in all areas of Business and Engineering.	9,861	Multi-disciplines	1	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
EBSCO eBook Collection This collection absorbs the NetLibrary collection that the Library previously subscribed.	42,495	Multi-disciplines	1	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
Element K e-learning It offers a series of e-books, learning materials and self-learning packages of software on desktop applications, design & media production, programming & web development.	560	IT, computing and technology	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
Emerald Social Sciences Ebook Series Collection + Emerald Emerging Markets Case Studies There are 23 titles from Emerald Social Sciences E-book Series. And 142 titles are peer-reviewed case studies focusing on business decision making and management development throughout key global emerging markets.	165	Social sciences, business and management	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only

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InfoSci-Books The collection was published by IGI Global, in the science and technology subject areas.	274	Computing science and IT management	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
MD Consult (Reference Books) It provides instantly access to 50 leading medical references across a wide range of specialties, clinically relevant drug information.	50	Medicine	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
MyiLibrary An e-content aggregation platform offers e-books published by the world's leading commercial publishers.	8,651	Multi-disciplines	1	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
Naxos Spoken Word Library It provides spoken words from 4,000 albums of classic novels, plays, poetry and non-fictions literature from medieval times to the 20th century.	483	Literature	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only

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OECD iLibrary Formerly called SourceOECD, OECD iLibrary is the online publications portal of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). It provides full-text access to all the OECD printed books, reports, periodicals and statistics.	3,527	Economics	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
Oxford Reference Online It provides access to key Oxford dictionaries and reference works in various areas, including language, science, medicine, humanities, social sciences, business and management.	233	Multi-disciplines	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
Oxford Scholarship Online It is a cross-searchable e-book collection. It covers a wide range of subjects.	2,257	Humanities and social science	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
Royal Society of Chemistry It is a comprehensive overview of research and opinion in a multitude of areas of chemical science. The collection is searchable and indexed to chapter level, with all documents provided as pdfs.	62	Chemistry	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only

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ScienceDirect e-book It offers comprehensive coverage of the full range of scientific disciplines. Over 5,300 monograph and series books are now fully integrated with journals, book series, handbooks and reference works on SciVerse and ScienceDirect.	976	Science and technology	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
Springer e-books It offers e-books related to the scientific, technical, and medical (STM) fields.	25,003	Science, technology and Medicine	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
Taylor and Francis ebooks It offers ebook titles in the humanities, social sciences, behavioral sciences, and STM from some of the world's leading imprints.	119	Social science, science, technology and medicine	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
Wiley Major Reference Work It delivers seamless integrated access to over 4 million articles from 1500 journals, 9000 books, and hundreds of reference works, laboratory protocols and databases.	120	Multi-disciplines	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only
Woodhead Publishing Online It is a unique resource of books and chapters on textile technology. Only chapters marked with a green box are available.	97	Textile	Unlimited	P - PolyU Students/Faculty/Staff only

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