## Exploding Demand <br> for Digital Content in Libraries

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## Library \& Education Key Customers

- Over 23,900 library \& education customers worldwide
- Long-term relationships with majority of customers (some over 25 years), providing significant recurring source of revenue
> Over 90\% customer retention
- Value-added services allow customers to outsource critical functions
> Customized systems enhance operations and customer service


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## Austin

 LIBRARYA

## Penn



County Library


Hillsborough County PUBLICSCHOOLS

San Francisco Public Library 6


HARVARD UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY Public Library hepl

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## Print to Digital Shift 2010-2013

- Mix of print and digital revenues will shift over the course of the next three years with significant shifts taking place in Higher Education, Trade and Professional publishing

|  | 2010 |  | 2011 |  | 2012 |  | 2013 |  |
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|  | Print | Digital | Print | Digital | Print | Digital | Print | Digital |
| Trade | $92 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| EL-Hi | $95 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $95 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $95 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $95 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| College | $85 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $80 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $75 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Professional | $79 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $50 \%$ |

- YTD August US trade print sales down 19\% / -\$567M
- eBook sales up 144\% / \$384M
- Digital content growth will be spurred:
> Proliferation of tablets and other multi function reading devices
> New Publishing categories in addition to Bestsellers - Children's, Education, etc.
> Enhanced Content Creation by Publishers


## Annual Circulation Growth

## 2009 Circulation



## 2010 Circulation



## eBook Demand and Supply

- Avg number of ebooks at public libraries rose $284 \%$ in 2011
> 2011: mean 4,350 units; median 1,750
> 2010: mean 1,529 units; median 813
- Heightened demand from library users in the past year
> 66\% experienced a "dramatic" increase in requests
> 28\% said they experienced a "slight" increase
> Only 5\% reported no change in demand


## eBook Supply and Demand

- Libraries are shortening circ periods to try to better keep up with digital copy demand.
- Average circulation intervals for ebooks are shorter than print.
- 14 days ( $66 \%$ )
- 7 days (37\%)
- $91 \%$ of public libraries allow holds on ebooks, up from 78\% last year
- $65 \%$ of public libraries buy extra digital copies to fulfill holds
- The average holds-to-copy ratio target is $6: 1$, but actual is closer to 12:1


## Money Follows Demand

Figure 29. Q17: If yes, do you ever purchase extra digital copies to fulfill ebook holds? —Public libraries who allow library users to place holds on ebooks


## Measuring the Future

## 2010 Current + Projected



Public Library
Current, Mean \% = 2.5\%
$\square$ In 5 Years, Mean $\%=7.4 \%$

## 2011

- 20\% of libraries spending 6-10\% of materials budgets on digital
- $43 \%$ expect to be spending $>10 \%$ within 5 years


## 2012 and Beyond

- Challenges in forecasting growing digital demand against ongoing demand for print
- Need guidance in anticipating depth and breath required by format -Forecasting physical and digital demand at title level, not just dollar level


## The View from Baker \& Taylor

## eBooks \% of Materials Budget 2012 to 2017



Academic Libraries $30 \%$ 60\%

Public
Libraries
4\% 20\%

## Shifts in Reading Devices and Operating Systems



## Libraries Promote Commerce



- eBook consumer habits demonstrate free samples help drive their purchase decisions
- With shrinking of bricks\&mortar bookstore base, libraries are becoming the publisher's showroom


## Buy Now for Patron Purchasing



## Buy Now

- Action button appears wherever titles are displayed
- Links patrons to the library's ecommerce store



## What Publishers Can Do to Increase Sales to Libraries

- Make your content available to the 9300+ libraries and their 169 million patrons/consumers
- Provide rich metadata to aid B\&T Merchandising and patron/ consumer discovery of your content
- Publish print and digital simultaneously
- Develop content to meet growing demand for enhanced ebooks
- Create incentives for libraries to buy more:
> Limited simultaneous use for Academic \& K-12
$>$ Backlist bundling and promotions
> Ebook leasing and short-term access options


## Thank you

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