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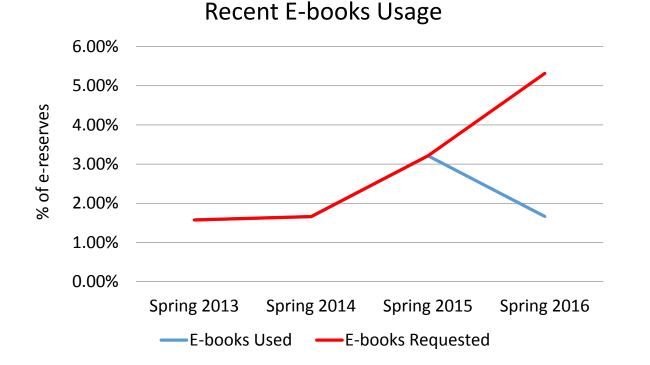
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## Spring 2016 Pilot: Vetting E-books by Email

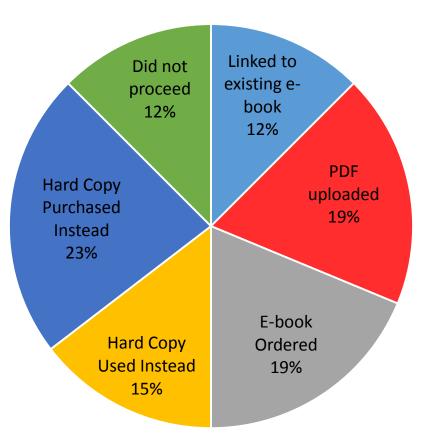
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## Spring 2016 Pilot Results

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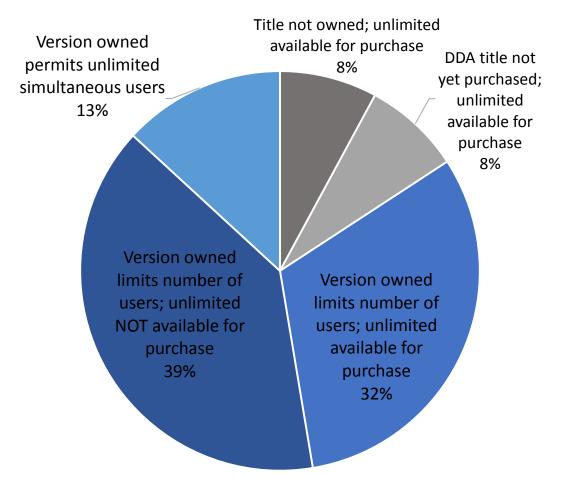


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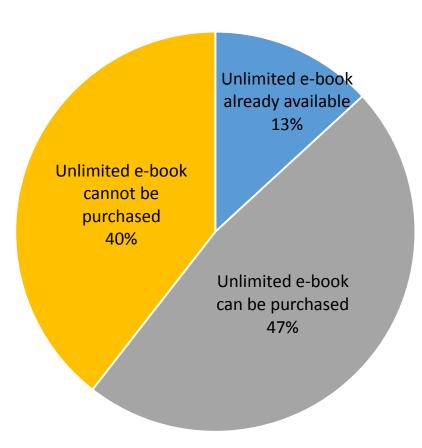


## Spring 2016 Pilot Results: Availability

#### Current E-book Availability



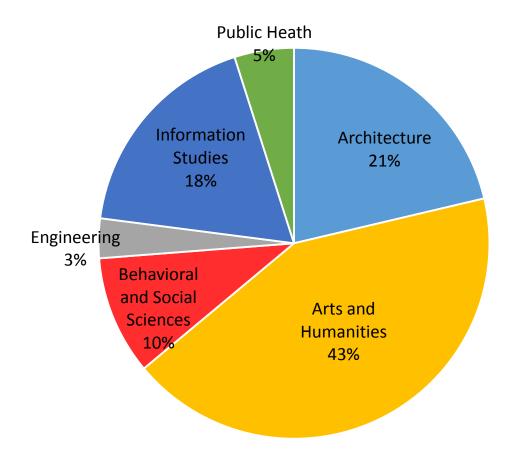
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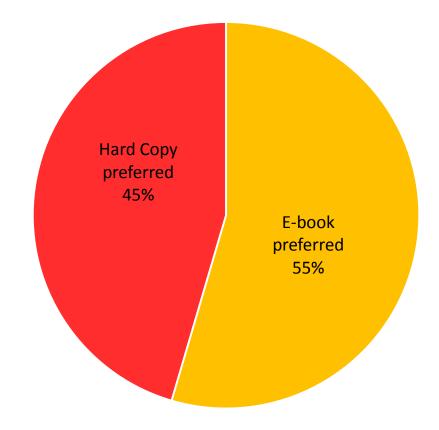


### Spring 2016 Pilot Results: Instructors

Requests for E-books by College/School







### Lessons Learned

- 1. Vetting e-books before posting to ELMS is essential for Reserves staff.
- 2. Vetting e-books is an added benefit for instructors' using e-reserves.
- 3. Instructors rarely make their format preference clear.
- 4. Upgrading e-books to unlimited users can be problematic.

### Next Steps

- 1. Utilize GOBI add-on within Ares to expedite verification process
- 2. Educate liaison librarians re: using e-books as required readings.
- 3. Propose modification to Suggest a Purchase form and ERF order form to ask if e-book will be required reading for a course.