E-Read Texas!

TSLAC Director's Blog


E-Read Texas – TSLAC E-book project

I am excited to announce the launch of E-Read Texas, a new statewide initiative to bring E-books to Texans through libraries starting with small community libraries in all parts of the state.

The E-Read Texas program will provide e-book content via a user-friendly platform that will allow readers to simultaneously read TSLAC content alongside any provided by their local libraries.

TSLAC has signed an agreement with Amigos Library Services to implement SimplyE, an open source e-book application, in small community libraries across the state, starting with those using the Biblionix Apollo integrated library system. In July and August, Amigos will work with those libraries to make the application available to their customers. In September, TSLAC will make e-books available to libraries and readers across Texas. Any library that has enabled the SimplyE application will be able to easily offer E-Read Texas content alongside whatever e-books they are currently offering through other providers.
The Five Ws & an H

Who?
You!

- Texas public libraries
- Apollo Biblionix

What?
What . . .

- Does it cost?
- Is this project?
- Is SimplyE?
- If I don’t have ebooks?
- If I do have ebooks?
- If I have audiobooks?
- About Kindle?
- Do I need to do to be involved?
- If I want to start now?
- Happens at the end of this next biennium?

E-Read Texas

- TSLAC will create a statewide collection of ebooks
- Ebooks will be available using the SimplyE app
  - Libraries work with Amigos for set-up
  - Patrons can read TSLAC-provided ebooks alongside their own ebooks
What Content will E-Read Texas Offer?

2,611 titles

Collection Scope

- Intended to complement collections maintained by small and medium-sized community libraries in Texas.
- Materials chosen will only consist of adult titles at this time, including fiction, young adult crossover, and popular non-fiction. The collection will include English and Spanish language e-books. The collection will not include erotica or reference materials.
Selection Criteria

- Collection scope and subject priorities
- Timeliness of the material/date of publication
- Current and potential relevance to the needs of the communities served
- Author expertise
- Publisher reputation and editorial model
- Whether the title is part of a series that should be completed
- Awards the title has received
- Language of the publication
- Suitability of material for the intended audience
- Reviews from professional journals and reviewers
- Existing gaps and strengths of the collection
- Representation of diverse points of view
- Significance of the work to local, regional, or state interests
- Licensing model (unlimited simultaneous use/perpetual access preferred; caps on metered usage are strongly discouraged)

Copies and Holds

Perpetual non-metered access is preferred!

But sometimes we can’t avoid limits:

- Initial copies
  - Non-fiction: 10
  - Fiction: 10-50 copies
    High-demand fiction is expected to be needed for book club titles and school assignments
- Hold ratio
  - 6 holds per copy for e-books until a maximum of 250 copies is purchased
  - After 250 copies of any single title are purchased, TSLAC may attempt to negotiate a statewide license with publishers
### The Fine Details

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*SimplyE is an open source ebook platform developed by libraries for libraries. It simplifies your patrons’ users experience finding, borrowing and reading an ebook from the library.*
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And Creates This

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Description
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Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read

Information
Published: December 31, 2002
Publisher: Random House Publishing Group
Categories: Science fiction, Epic fantasy, Adventure
Distributed by: Bibliotheca

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dropped to his knees. The bid us halt, the other two kept to their even a kha
mounts.
“No,” Khal Drogo groaned, peated. “I
struggling in Dany’s arms. Khal Drogo
“Must ride. Ride. No.”
“He fell from his horse,” them that my time is near
Haggo said, staring down. His and I could not continue. Co-
broad face was impassive, but hollo, bring up the slaves, his voice was leaden.
they must put up the khal's
“You must not say that,” tent at once. Qotho—
Dany told him. “We have rid-
“Find Mirri Maz Duur,” she
den far enough today. We Khaleesi,” Qotho said.
will camp here.”
“Here?” Haggo looked around told him. The godswife would
them. The land was brown be walking among the other
and sere, inhospitable. “This is Lamb Men, in the long column
of slaves. “Bring her to me,
“It is not for a woman to with her chest.”
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**Where?**
Where . . .

- Do my ebooks live?
- Are my statistics?
- Do I get help?
- Is the money coming from?
When . . .

- Can we start?
- Does it end?
- Do you need information from me?
Why . . .

- Now?
- Why did it take so long?
- Why SimplyE?

How?
How . . .

- Will it work?
- Does SimplyE work?
- Will patrons get help?
- Will my staff and I get help?
- Will I know when the app is updated?

How Will It Work?

- Annual Assembly meeting & webinar to gauge interest
- Library staff download SimplyE app and play with SimplyE Collection
- Signed agreement between Amigos and library
- Complete & submit form with basic library information for Amigos
- Amigos contacts (most) ebook vendors for set up
- Library tests app; works with Amigos
- Library publicizes app to patrons regularly over next 2 years
- TSLAC, Amigos and libraries communicate throughout
How Does It Work

Amigos:
- Metadata
- Cover art
- Authentication

Ebook provider

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Check out and read or listen to ebooks and audiobooks from Cloud Library, Odilo and RBDigital in just three steps!

Introducing SimplyE

Currently . . .

- Libraries testing; some implementation
- Active development
- Hosting available through Amigos & Lyrasis
- Web-based SimplyE underway
- DPLA Exchange
Future . . .

- OverDrive audiobooks
- PDF support
- Academic patrons
- Geolocation
- Hoopla
- Patron & library instructions/documentation
- Upload locally-created materials
- More content providers

Try It Yourself

SimplyE
The Library E-Reader

What's New
We've heard you. This version enjoy a faster startup and login. You can also see new libraries the moment they're available rather than having to wait for a more

Preview
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