

Medical students and textbooks as e-books - a survey

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Background

- General turn towards e-resources in education and publishing
- Investments in e-books at NTNU University Library
- However: What do the users say?



Aim of this survey

- Explore attitudes toward e-books in general
- Map students knowledge of and experience with the e-books services from our library
- Find out what we can do to increase use of our e-books

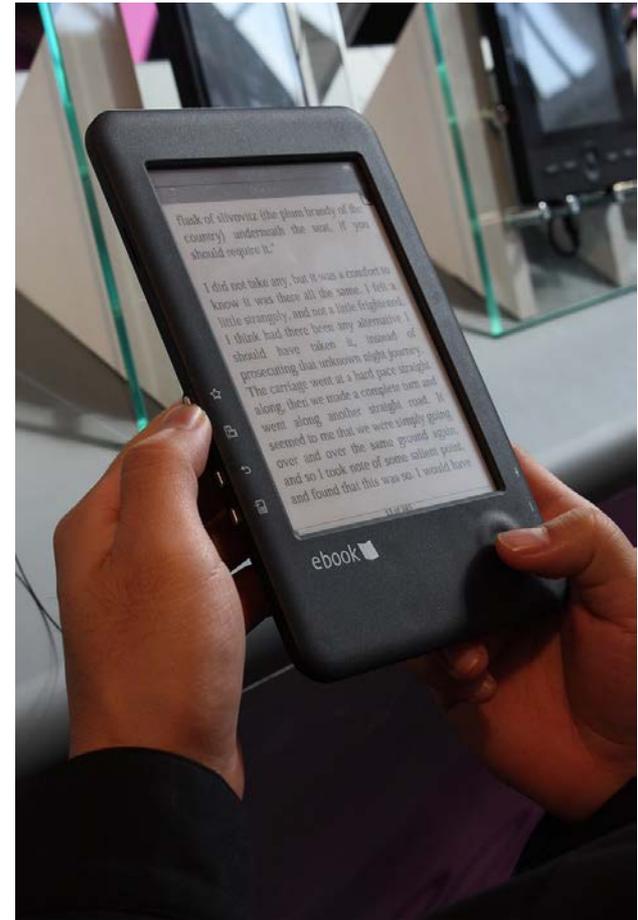


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Methods

- Electronic survey
 - Medical students
 - Lecturers at the Faculty of Medicine
- Compare findings with a recent multinational study (Landøy, A. et. al 2015)

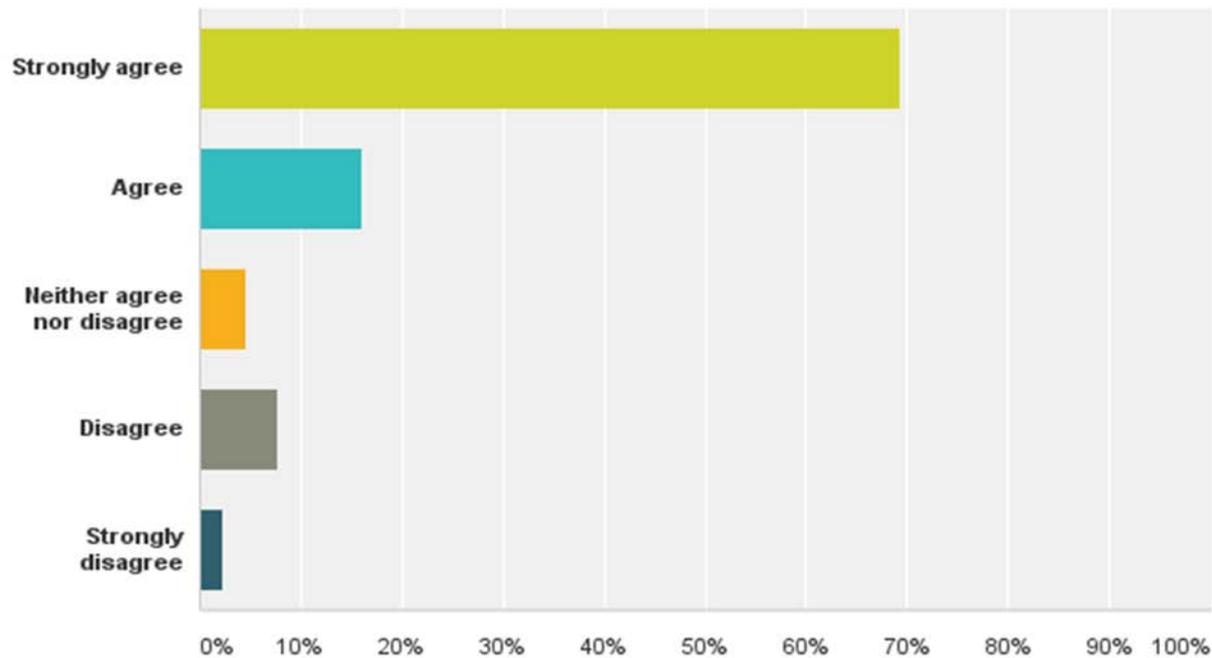


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Findings: Students format preferences

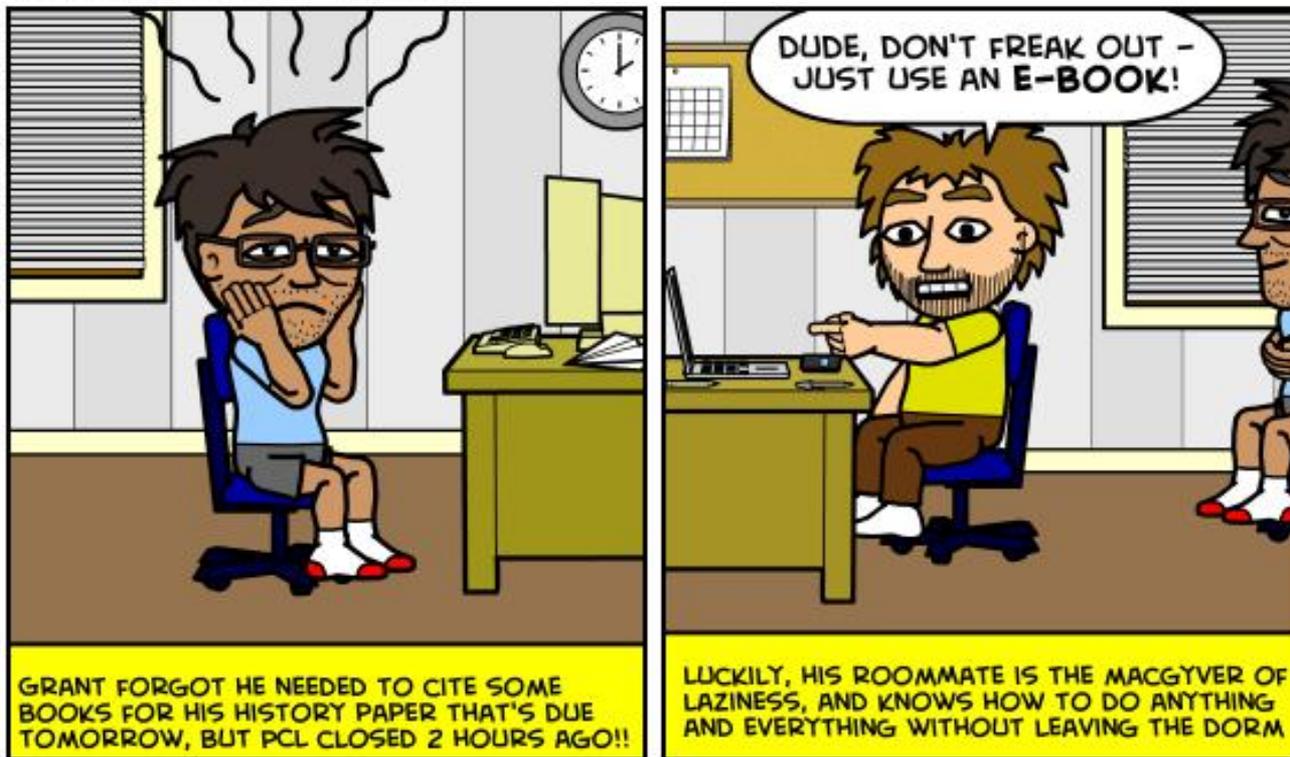
Q4 If an academic text is more than 7-10 pages, I prefer to read it in print

Besvart: 130 Hoppet over: 5



Findings: Students format preferences

'SAVED BY AN E-BOOK'

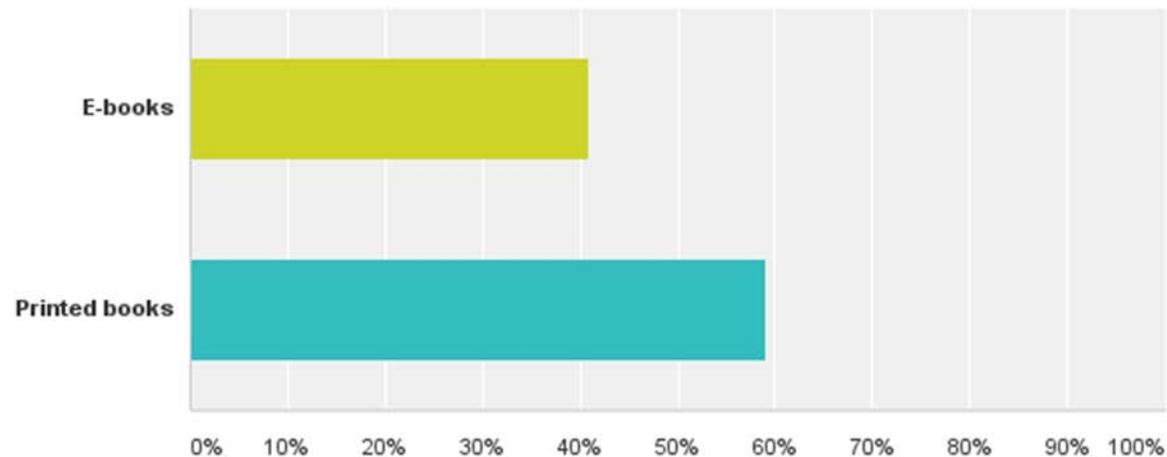


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Findings: Budget scenario

Q12 The library's budgets for literature acquisition is limited. If we had to prioritize, would you prefer us to cut in acquisition of:

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Comments

"I prefer to read at home because I have a dog. Convenient with e-books!"



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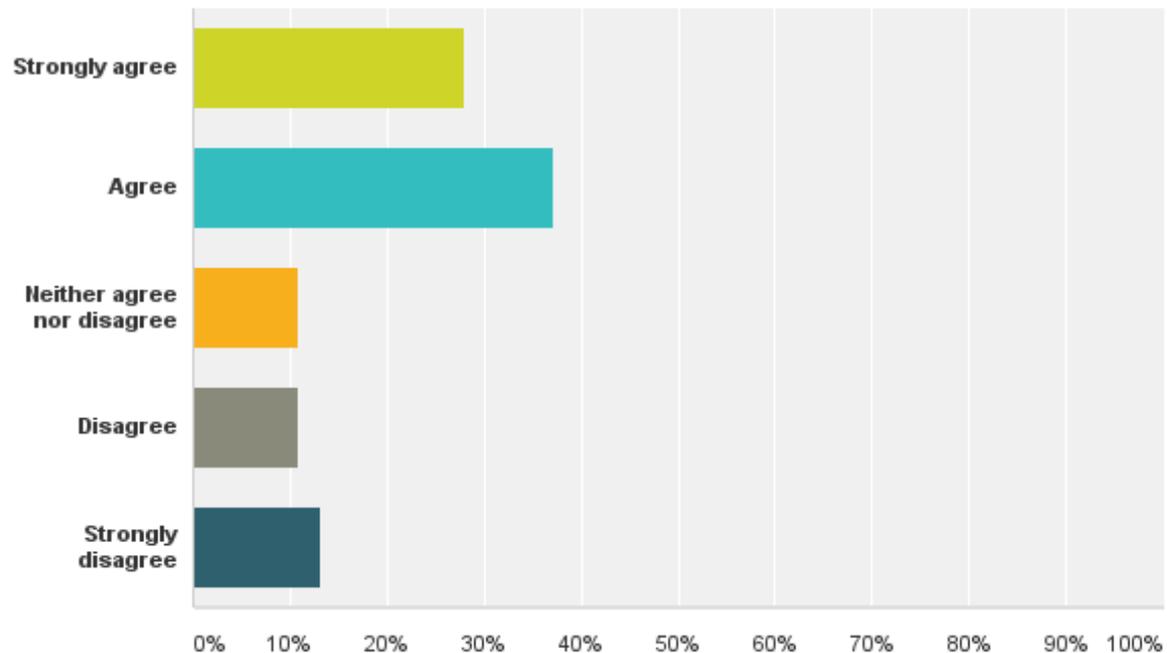
"I prefer to read printed books, but electronic resources gives me quite a different level of availability. I buy the printed version myself of the (e)-books I use most".

"I use the e-books in the library to consider which books I should buy in print myself".

Findings: Study techniques (1)

Q8 I usually highlight and notate my printed course material

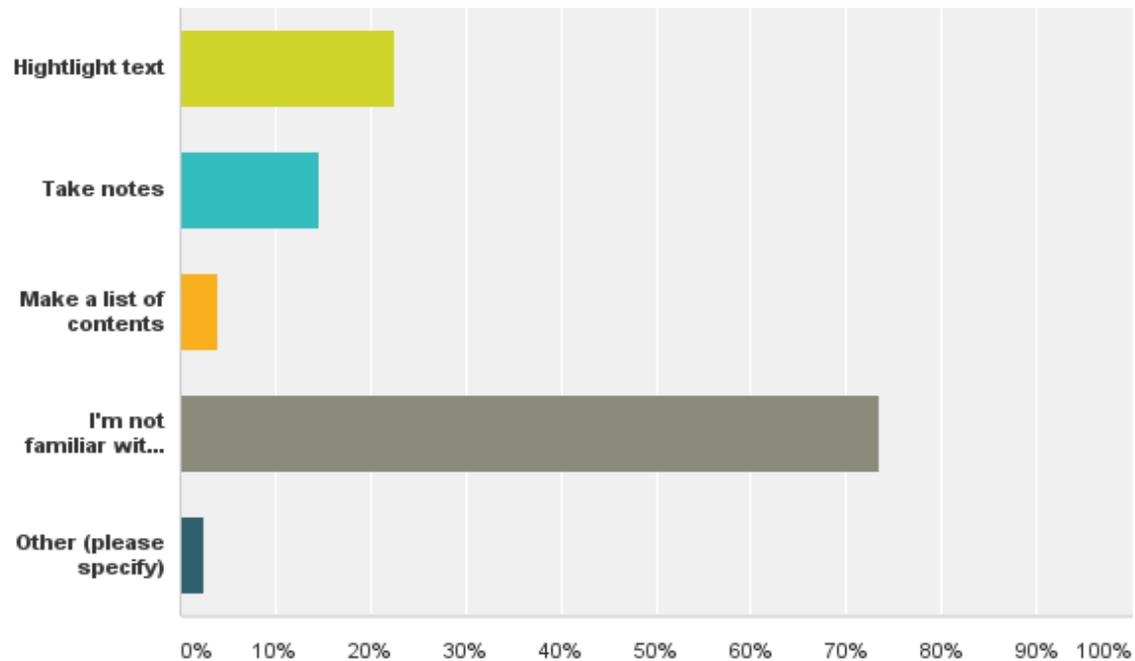
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Findings: Study techniques (2)

Q19 What kind of study technique tools in e-books are you familiar with?

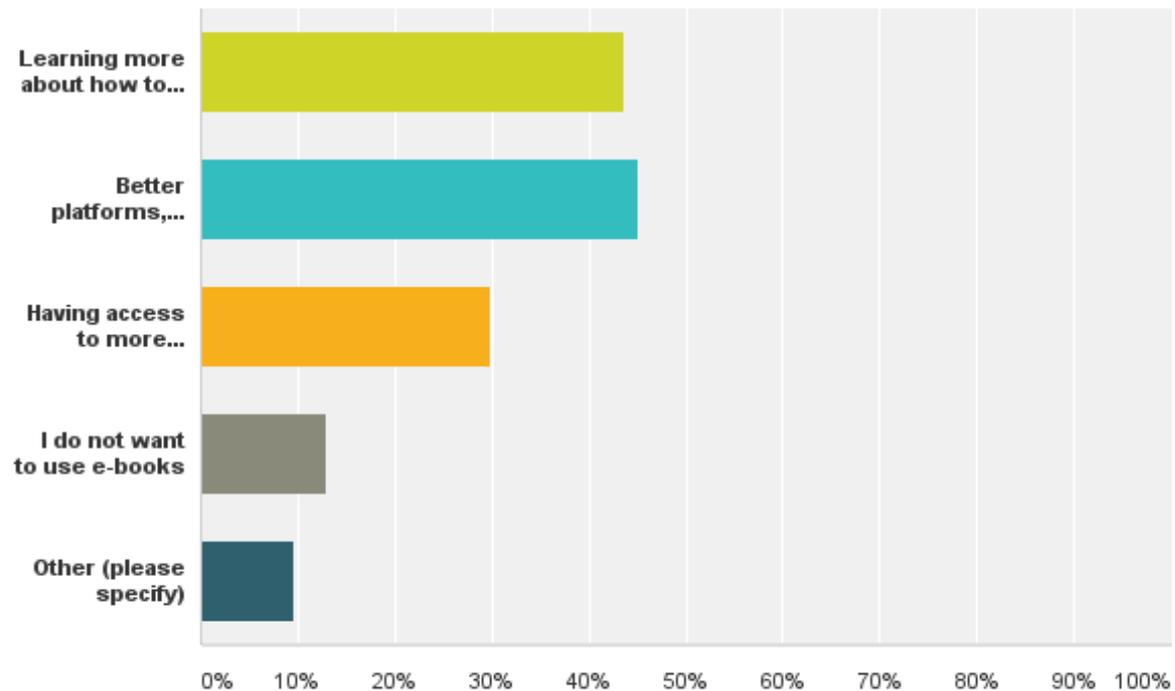
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Findings: Use of e-books

Q21 What would make you use e-books more than you do today?

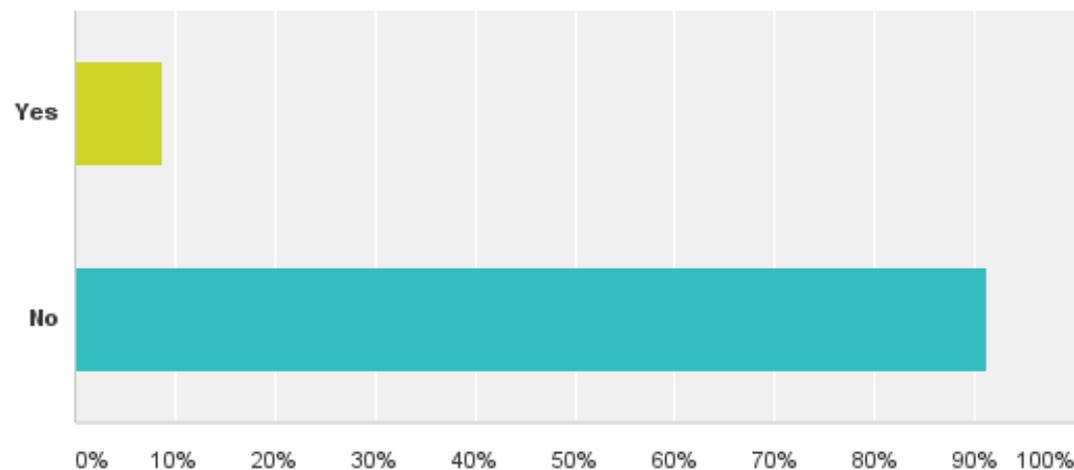
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Findings: Lecturers survey

Q1 Have you any knowledge of the libraries tailor-made e-book collection for the medical study?

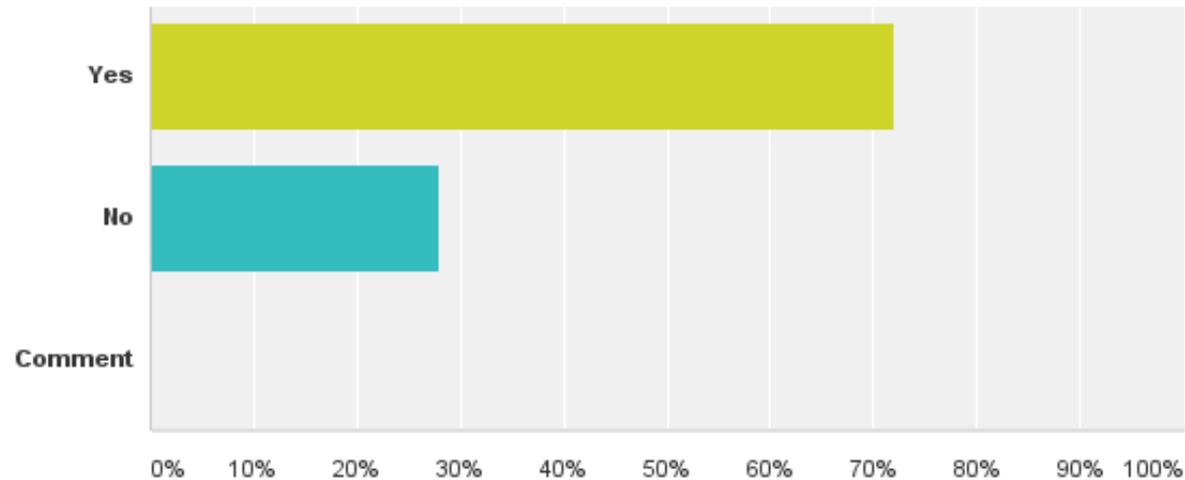
Besvart: 34 Hoppet over: 0



Findings: Students survey

Q17 Have you any knowledge of the libraries taylor-made e-book collection for the medical study?

Besvart: 125 Hoppet over: 10



Comments: Lecturers

"What about a newsletter about e-books and other offers from the library?"

"I did not know about this e-book collection of medical books. “

"Our library is the sunshine ☀️ of my life!"

“Important to invest in e-books!”

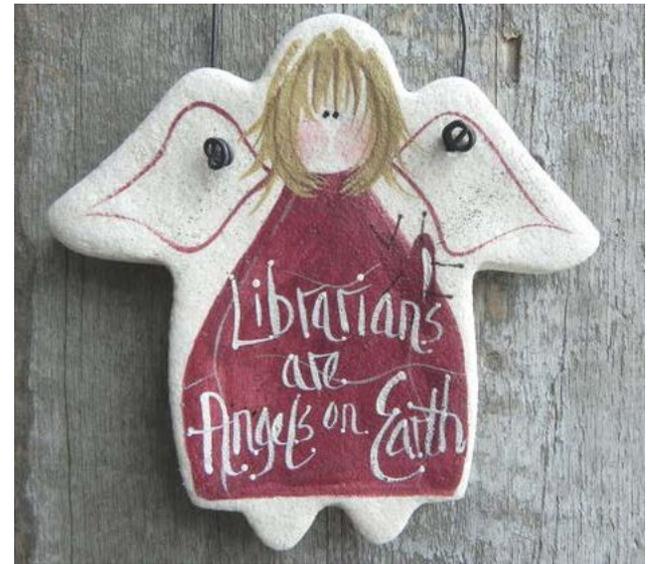


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Conclusion



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- Confirms previous studies on student reading format preferences
- Provides support for further investments in e-books
- Students want to learn more about using e-books

Actions based on findings

- Workshops/lectures in using e-book interfaces
- Inform lecturers about our e-book collection
- Follow-up study to find effects of our initiatives



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