Summaries

It is a challenge for libraries to lend not only printed but also digital materials. The circulation of e-books involves difficulties related to both technology and copyright. Those participating in the process – publishers, librarians and readers – have differing expectations. The author reviews library solutions and calls attention to other forms of offering e-books, including fee-based or commercial book lending (text rental, text leasing, text distribution). The free offer of large e-book stores and licensing partial access to the text of books on offer can be considered as a form of lending as well.

It is of key importance that the WebOPAC be as simple, transparent and user-friendly as possible. The Aleph platform allows tailoring the interface to needs, to develop and modify it with assistance from the staff of Ex-Lh Ltd. as support enterprise and its newsletter. In addition, the ElCommons collaborative web site (online listserv) serves as an information-sharing centre for the Aleph-user community. The Library of the Eötvös József College at Baja implemented last year a series of developments which contributed to an increase in user satisfaction. These included setting the links of title fields, and inserting the icons of material types into the lists of hits. The WebOPAC was successfully connected to GoogleBooks, and users can display the images of book covers as digital objects using the ADAM module. The article summarizes the advantages for users, and also covers IT-related issues and required settings in much detail.

In the series "Scrutiny of Hungarian databases", independent experts evaluate various Hungarian online content services from the point of view of their use by libraries.