

Project: E-textbooks for Finnish HE

Objectives of the pilot project

In 2014, FinELib consortium launched a project aimed at increasing the availability of Finnish e-books at institutes of higher education using pricing models suitable for libraries. The e-textbook project surveyed the libraries' need for e-book licenses, assessed the ability of publishers and platform providers to provide such licenses, and gathered information on students' and teachers' experiences of using e-books. In addition, licensing models were piloted to address the shortage of textbooks by providing several users with simultaneous access to e-books.

Participants included higher education libraries (both universities and universities of applied sciences), publishers Edita Publishing, Gaudeamus Helsinki University Press, PS-kustannus, and Vastapaino, together with ebook platform provider Ellibs Ltd. The project was organized by the National Library of Finland.

During the one year pilot in the 2015–2016 academic year, two licensing models were tested: simultaneous user licenses and loan token packages. National Library also collected e-book experiences from HE students and teachers in 2016.

Primary results

- Institutes of higher education gained access to more Finnish e-textbooks
- E-book licensing models suitable for textbooks were developed
- The usability of e-books was improved
- Finnish publishers' awareness of e-books increased

[Summary report](#) (2017)

[E-book Survey for Higher Education Students and Teachers in Finland](#) (2016)

Additional information

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