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We recently had the opportunity to speak with librarians who shared their institution's experiences with our eTextbooks.

The Cambridge Aspire (formerly Higher Education from Cambridge University Press) website was created with librarians in mind, knowing the pressures they face to ensure their patrons have access to the most up-to-date and vital content.

We wanted to hear first-hand how institutions are using the site and the impact it has had on faculty and student experience.

Quotes from the accessibility coordinator at a Carnegie Classifications R1 institution:

"As part of our student success and affordability initiatives, we have put over 2,600 books for over 1,000 courses on reserve for this academic year. More than half of these have been electronic textbooks. We encourage faculty to put together OERs, we allow the creation of coursepacks using library materials, and the library subscribes to several textbook packages.

We've had the Cambridge eTextbook full collection for just over a year and we think it's gone pretty well. Some statistics: 180 titles have had at least one item request; 11 have had over 100, with the most item requests for one title equaling 1,626."

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