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# Southern Illinois University Carbondale

- ▶ Public Institution
- ▶ Research University (high research activity)
- ▶ 14130 undergraduate, 4026 graduate, and 627 professional students
- ▶ 84% of students receiving financial aid

# Morris Library

- ▶ ARL library
- ▶ Collection budget: \$5.2 million
- ▶ Mono budget 10%
- ▶ Ebook collections often purchased with end of year money

# Ebook collections at SIUC

- ▶ Proquest (Early English Books Online -2003, Literature Online - 2005)
- ▶ Readex (Early American Imprints)
- ▶ Intelect Past Masters
- ▶ Credo Reference (2007)
- ▶ Netlibrary –now on Ebscohost
- ▶ Cambridge Histories Online (2010)
- ▶ Oxford Scholarship Online (2011)
- ▶ Elsevier (2005)
- ▶ Springer collections (starting in 2010)
- ▶ Cold Spring Harbor (2012)
- ▶ IEEE (2012)
- ▶ MyiLibrary - Patron Driven Acquisition – (starting 2008)

# E-resource Management

## E-journals vs. ebooks

- ▶ Collection development considerations
  - ▶ Platform issues
  - ▶ Formats
  - ▶ Download options / mobile device compatibility
  - ▶ Digital rights management issues
  - ▶ ILL
- ▶ Acquisition issues
  - ▶ New workflows
  - ▶ Title lists
- ▶ Access / discovery issues
  - ▶ Catalog
  - ▶ Linkresolver
  - ▶ Google
- ▶ Assessment (usage statistics)
  - ▶ Yearly renewal decisions vs. One time purchases & annual fees title reconciliation

# Challenges compared to ejournals

- ▶ Monographic nature
- ▶ Inaccurate title lists
- ▶ Incomplete information in title lists (i.e. ISBNs)
- ▶ Purchasing based on copyright date
- ▶ Withdrawn titles
- ▶ Updating MARC records

# Cataloging challenges

- ▶ Method of notification
- ▶ Method of delivery (library admin site, e-mail notices, FTP, record order form for upgrades)
- ▶ Updates schedule
- ▶ Title lists (Acquisition)
- ▶ Record quality
  - ▶ Stable control numbers (001 & 003)
  - ▶ Correctly coded fixed fields
  - ▶ 010 field
  - ▶ Identifiers (ISBNs) or lack of ISBNs
  - ▶ OCLC # (some vendor records include the print version's OCLC #)
  - ▶ Stable URLs
- ▶ MARCedit



# Assessment of ebooks

- ▶ Usage statistics
  - ▶ one-time purchases
  - ▶ subscription based products
  - ▶ PDA
  - ▶ Google-effect
  - ▶ Disciplinary differences

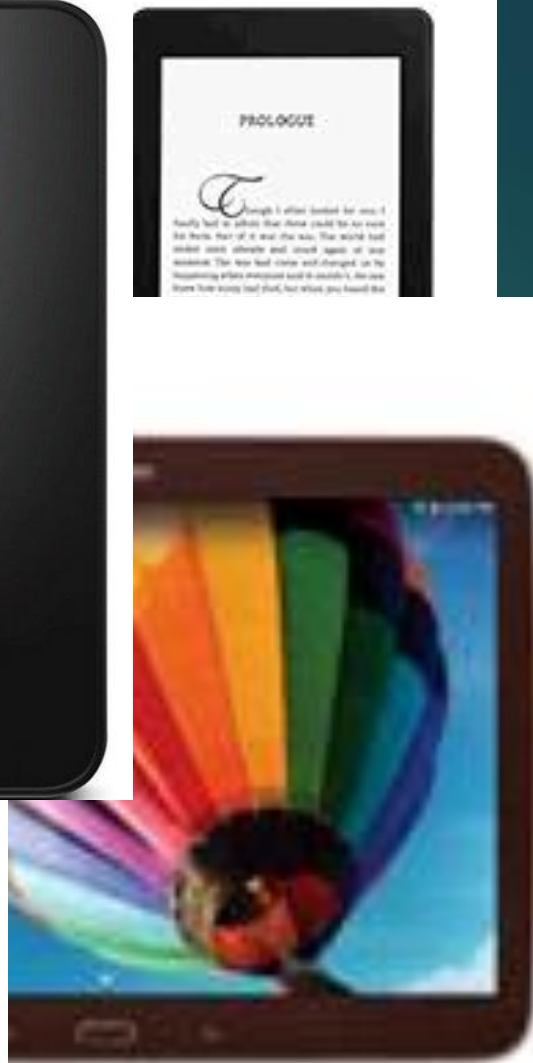
Future directions?



iPad mini



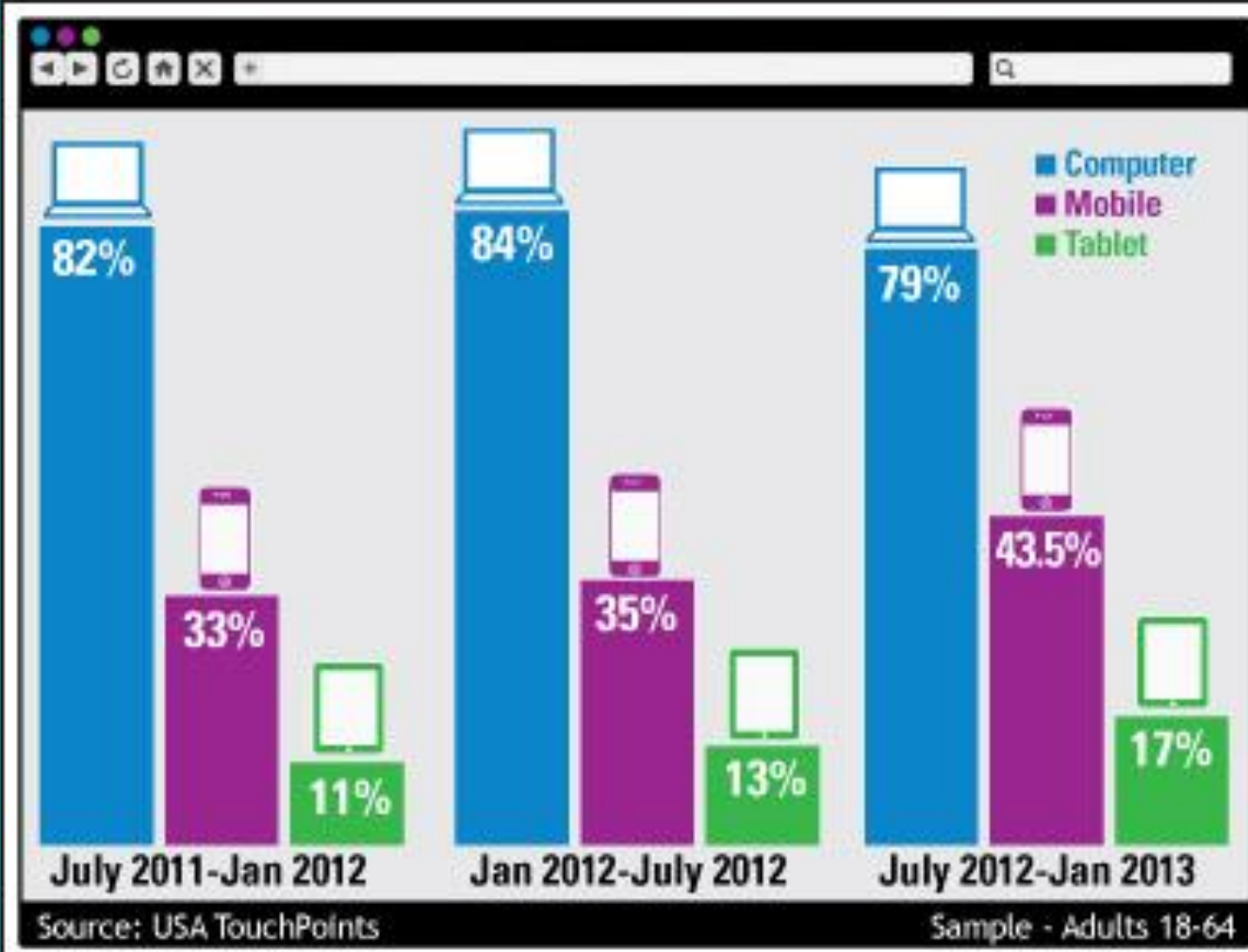
iPad 2



iPad  
with Retina display

# Internet Use by Platform

Average Weekly Reach Over Three Six-Month Periods from 2011-2013



From MediaPost at <http://www.mediapost.com/publications/article/198257/the-whole-story-internet-use-by-platform.html#axzz2QTogUrA>

# Expectations

- ▶ Market trends / Mobile devices
  - ▶ Rising tablet sales
  - ▶ “Mobile Dawg” initiative at SIUC
- ▶ Demand for more ebooks
- ▶ Expanded options from vendors/ publishers
  - ▶ Purchasing models (access model, single user model, multiple user model, loans)
  - ▶ More publishers offering download options
- ▶ Libraries need to work w/ publishers to improve ebook issues

# Q & A

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