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There are two ways to start an e-book collection. The first, to start a district collection. This would be a collection of single use titles that can be checked out by both students and staff. The other, each individual school site would purchase titles for their respective collections. In the latter option, both single use and unlimited access titles could be purchased.

1) Where/How would we potentially acquire the books?

I think the best place to start would be to place an order for the e-books from our vendor Follett; considering we have just purchased the e-book program with Follett Destiny. Since this would be a new direction for the district, I know we would get all the help and support needed from our Follett reps.

2) How would students access them? How many students would have access?

In either option, potentially all students in the district would have access to the e-book library, the books can be accessed from the classrooms, computer labs, and from home. They would log onto the district library or school library web site and check them out on-line.

3) How many might we be able to acquire with this amount?

Pricing differs across a wide range, anywhere from \$5.00 to \$20.00 a title. Vendors seem

to always be running promotions on e-books. When speaking to our Follett rep she suggested a good starting point for a district library collection would offer, 1 single use e-book for every 5 students. Also, an additional 5 unlimited access titles at each school site.

Follett also offers many starter bundles. For example...

An elementary bundle with 20 titles at a price of \$281, and a middle school bundle with 14 titles for \$182.

Another promotional bundle right now offers titles in 3 different grade level categories.

For \$1000.00 (for each category) you can get;

for grades K-3--- 61 titles

for grades 3-6--- 149 titles

for grades 5-8---132 titles

4) How do e-books work in comparison with printed books that are checked out by students?

e-books allow you to reach more students because they can access e-books at any time, not just when the school library is open, but also during school breaks and summer.

The e-books can also be beneficial for lower level readers using the interactive books or audio-books, so they can follow along with the text, although these run a little higher in price \$30-\$50 each.

I hope this information helps. If you have any other questions, please let me know.

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