



Jisc e-books for FE

October 2019 webinar for teaching practitioners



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Outcomes

- Introduce Jisc and e-books for FE
- Overview of ProQuest Ebook Central
- Accessibility
- Benefits of using e-books
- Tips for using e-books in teaching
- Useful links
- Winner of September giveaway
- Q&A

Who is Jisc?

- We're a membership organisation, providing digital solutions for UK education and research
 - Connectivity and security – provide the Janet network, the fastest and most secure network
 - Broker deals with publishers – strong relationships with publishers which means we can broker sector-wide deals to provide value for money and saves time
- Digital resources for FE
 - e-books for FE
 - Vocational learning resources – engaging resources and activities for the FE sector, supporting future employment demands and NVQ/SVQ/VRQ and T-level subject areas
 - Construction training
 - Digital and IT training
 - Education and childcare training
 - Health and social care training
 - Hairdressing training
 - Advice and guidance

What is e-books for FE?

- A free collection of 509 curriculum-mapped e-books covering both academic and vocational qualifications at levels 2 and 3
- Students can benefit from unlimited access to e-books at college and at home from their phone, tablet, laptop or PC
- New titles are added on an annual basis, and titles that are no longer relevant are removed
- The e-books are paid for and provided by Jisc
- They are chosen through a selection process working with a focus group of FE librarians
- The collection is hosted on ProQuest Ebook Central™
- To access the e-books, you must login using your college username and password



How do we select the e-books?

Overview of process

- Jisc FE team identify subject areas that we would like to expand into or increase provision of
- Based on research of popular qualifications, outgoing qualifications, and a review of our current provision
- Consider requests that have come in throughout the year
- Publishers offer us a list of titles
- We work with a focus group of FE librarians to narrow down the titles
- This year is the biggest ever increase of titles, with an additional 119 e-books
- Expanded the collection by 26%



Collection

- Animal care (veterinary nursing, animal management and equine management)
- Arts (art and design, design and technology, fashion, music and performing arts)
- Business
- Catering, hospitality and tourism
- Construction and built environment
- Digital and IT
- Education and childcare
- Engineering
- English
- GCSE and Nationals (English and maths)
- Hair and beauty
- Health and social care
- Humanities (history, geography, philosophy and religion)
- Mathematics
- Media studies
- Modern foreign languages (French, Spanish and German)
- Politics, economics and law
- Public services
- Sciences (biology, chemistry and physics)
- Social sciences (sociology, psychology and counselling)
- Sports and nutrition



How do students access the e-books?



**Links to e-books
on the VLE**



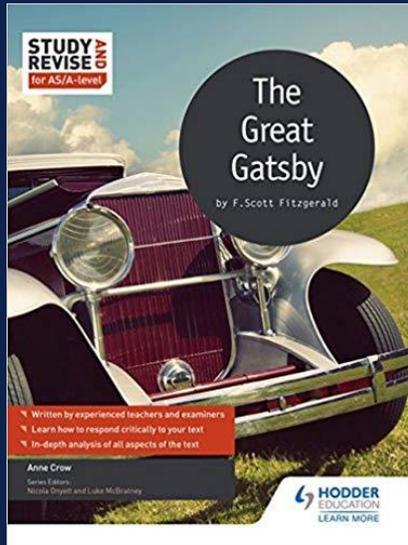
**Links to e-books
in the library
catalogue**



**Searching on the
platform**

Direct links to e-books

- Many librarians place links to specific e-books in the VLE
- This makes it easy for students to access all the relevant material for their course in one place
- We will now take a look at an example of what students will see when they access the e-books in this way



Searching on ProQuest Ebook Central™

• <https://ebooksforfe.jisc.ac.uk>

Search by:

ISBN: 9781471854071

Title: The Great Gatsby for AS/A Level

Key words: The Great Gatsby, English literature

Subject: English literature

Author: Anne Crow

The screenshot shows the ProQuest Ebook Central website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Search, Bookshelf, Settings, and Sign Out. Below the navigation bar, a search bar is highlighted with a yellow border, containing the text "Search ebooks" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, there are three main content areas: "Jisc" (JISC has selected ProQuest Ebook Central as a key ebook provider), "Ebooks on the go" (Ebook Central is designed with mobile in mind), and "Trusted content." (You need credible content from authoritative, scholarly sources). Below these areas, there is a "Recently Viewed" section displaying a row of six book covers: "ADA Search", "Palabra por palabra", "Green Building", "Cartooning", "HAIRDRESSING", and "Counselling Skills and Theory". At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the ProQuest logo and links for Privacy Policy, Terms & Conditions, Cookie Policy, DMCA Policy, Personal Data Options, Cookie Preferences, and Accessibility.

Accessibility

- We are committed to ensuring that our guides can be accessed and used by all our members
- e-books delivered through a learning platform can be more accessible to blind and visually impaired (VI) users than hard copy equivalents, e.g. printed handouts and print books
- The platform is compatible with assistive technologies such as DAISY and JAWS using traditional keyboard shortcuts
- The user interface has integrated text to speech functionality, without the need or additional software
- ProQuest Ebook Central is Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 compliant



Benefits of using e-books

- Read on the go, on the bus, or in class on your mobile or tablet. Students can't forget to bring them to class
- Highlight, bookmark and annotate e-books, and save your notes on your own virtual bookshelf
- Make the most of accessibility features such as read-a-loud and OpenDyslexic typeface
- Unlimited access means that unlimited students can access each title at the same time. A whole class can access an e-book at the same time
- Download and print key chapters, as well as worksheets and activities in some e-books
- Save the e-books to your device so that you can access them anywhere, anytime, offline
- Can be used to promote flipped learning
- Fill a resource gap when library budgets can't buy books to cover all subjects



Top tips for teachers



**Use e-books
in class**



**Use the Bookshelf
function**



**Link to e-
books in VLE**



**Flipped
learning**



**Improve learners'
information
literacy**



**Save time on
making revision
resources**



**Direct learners
to further
reading**

What support is available?

- We have a support site with dedicated areas for both librarian support and teacher support
- Support site includes subject specific pages which contain spreadsheets with relevant titles for your subject:
 - <https://support.ebooksforfe.jisc.ac.uk/>
- Teacher support includes:
 - FAQs
 - Accessibility information
 - Tutorial videos
 - Guidance on language and download options
 - Overview of the platform
 - Top tips
- <https://support.ebooksforfe.jisc.ac.uk/>

Promotional materials

Subject areas posters

- New promotional materials to help promote e-books in the classroom
- Over the next few weeks will be creating posters for all subject and qualification areas
- To download the promotional materials, please visit the new page of the e-books for FE support site:
 - <https://support.ebooksforfe.jisc.ac.uk/index.php/guides/promotional-materials/>

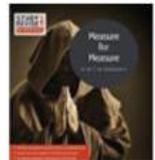


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English Literature AS/A Level

Did you know that you have **free, unlimited access** to Hodder's *Study and Revise* series of English literature A Level study guides? Each title in the series contains:

- Synopsis
- Chapter summaries and commentaries
- Analysis of themes and characters
- Writer's methods: Form, structure and language
- Assessment objectives and skills
- Structuring your writing
- Analysing texts in detail



Useful links

How to access the platform: <https://ebooksforfe.jisc.ac.uk>

Jisc e-books for FE support site: <https://support.ebooksforfe.jisc.ac.uk/>

Creating a Bookshelf: <https://support.ebooksforfe.jisc.ac.uk/index.php/librarian-support/ebook-central-support/ebook-central-bookshelf/>

Subject areas guide: <https://support.ebooksforfe.jisc.ac.uk/index.php/guides/subject-areas-guide/>

ProQuest LibGuide: <https://proquest.libguides.com/ebookcentral>

Join the JiscMail list: <https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=E-BOOKS-FOR-FE>

Teaching practitioner FAQs: https://support.ebooksforfe.jisc.ac.uk/index.php/guides/teaching-practitioner-faqs/?preview_id=8452&preview_nonce=b9fdf7e8f2&thumbnail_id=-1&preview=true

ProQuest Ebook Central accessibility statement:

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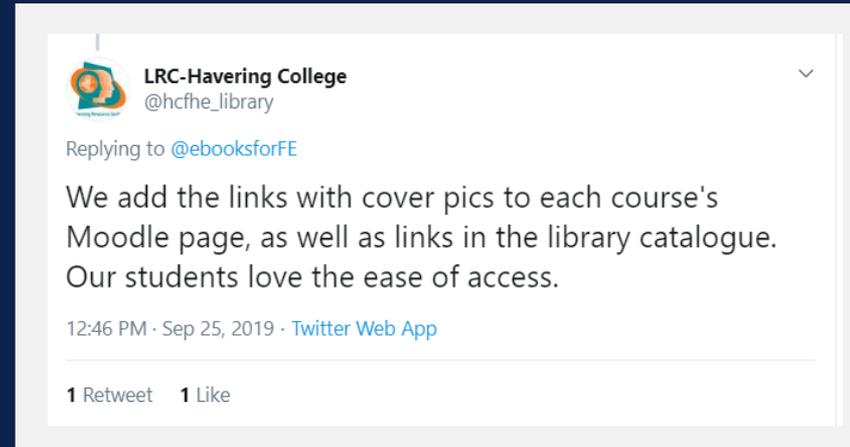
e-books for FE support site accessibility statement:

<https://support.ebooksforfe.jisc.ac.uk/index.php/about/accessibility/>

Winner of September's £30 National Book Token

Havering College!

- To celebrate the change of season, October's theme is autumn. To be in with a chance of winning a £30 National Book Token for your college LRC, all you need to do is Tweet us a picture of your best autumnal book display by 31st October
- Follow us on Twitter @ebooksforFE



Q&A

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