Implementing a Purchase Request Link

User-Driven Collection Development at the User's Point of Need

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Why Did We Do This?

Pre-Pandemic

- Print = Norm; Ebook = Variation
- "Just in Case" CollectionDevelopment
- User Requests Welcome (in theory)

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Why Did We Do This?

Pandemic = Kick in the Collection Development Pants

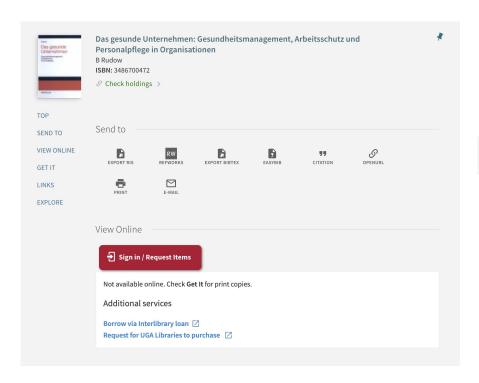
- Print Inaccessibility; Need More Ebooks!
- "Just in Time" Collection Development
- Need Additional Entry Point for Requests at Point of Need

What is it?

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Request for UGA Libraries to purchase ebook ☑

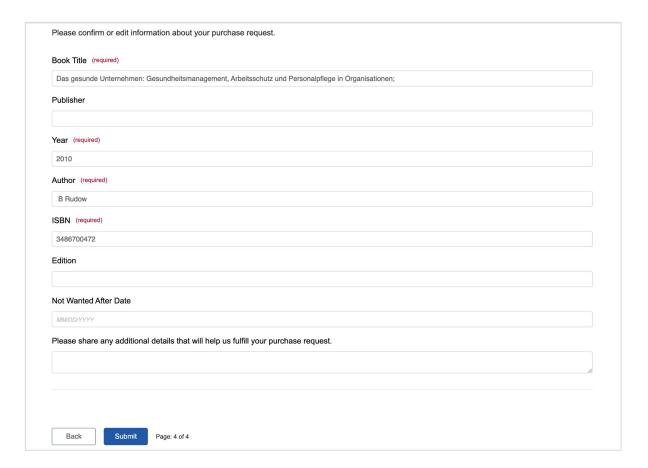
What is it?



Request for UGA Libraries to purchase



What does it do?





Live test June 2020

5 requests (3 users) in one hour.





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Phase 3 Feb 2021 - Present

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+ all print books we own

Usability Testing Rounds

- → Usability 1 (4 users) July 2020
- → Usability 2 (6 users) Aug 2020

Phase 1 Aug 2020

Phase 2 Nov 2020

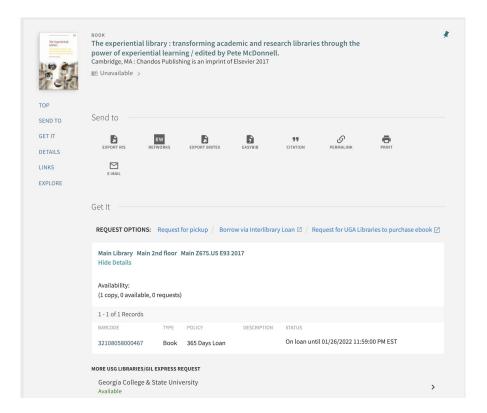
→ Usability 3 (10 users) Jan 2021

Phase 3 Feb 2021

Usability Methods

"Walk through how you might try to read this book."

- Think aloud.
- We observed or asked about.
 - What options on the full display they initially noticed or engaged with.
 - Do they understand the difference between the purchase request link and other request options (ILL, local pickup)?
 - Expectations for what would happen if they use link and/or form. (Pre/Post)



Usability Methods

"Walk through how you might try to read this book."

- We also observed or asked about:
 - Aspects of the form that were difficult to understand or answer.
 - Time to complete the form.
 - Link text.
 - Past and likely future usage.
 - Expectations around wait time for ebook/book arrival.

Do users understand what the link does?

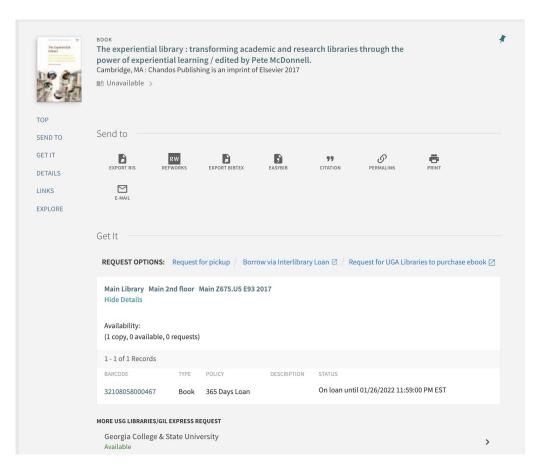
Need to manage expectations:

Request ebook access

Request ebook purchase

Request for UGA Libraries to purchase ebook

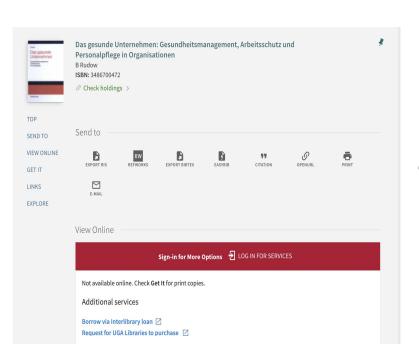
Can users differentiate our link from other request options?

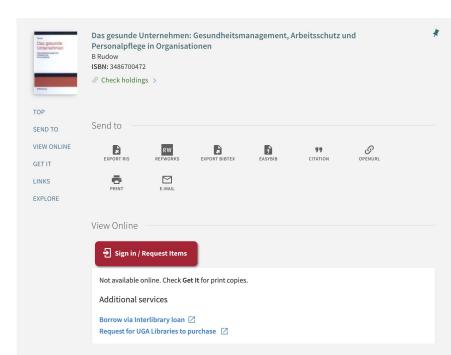


Can users differentiate our link from other request options?

Yes, but:

- The sign-in button is not intuitive for making requests.
- Change request to request for pickup.





How do users experience the form?

 "Good form"... "less painful" than expected... "pretty intuitive and straightforward."

However...

- Some expect SSO/MyID
- OpenURL issues.



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Gauge demand

Yes. User decision driven by different factors:

- Format preference
- COVID-19
- Expected wait time.
- Awareness of other options (ILL)
- Consideration of fit for Libraries collections

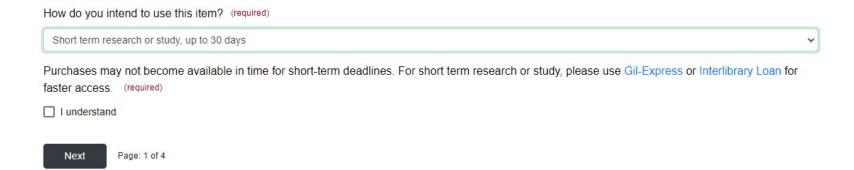
Need help? Ask a librarian.

Purchase Request

Note: Some books may not be available for purchase in print or ebook format, but we'll try our best to meet your request! Ebooks typically take several days to activate. Print (hard copy) books typically take several weeks to arrive.

How do you intend to use this item? (required)





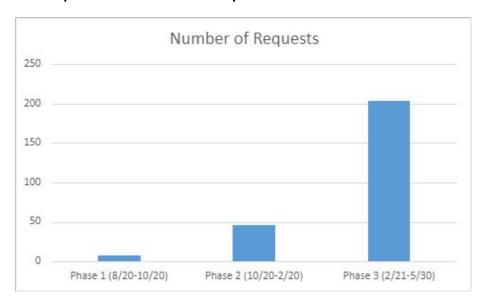
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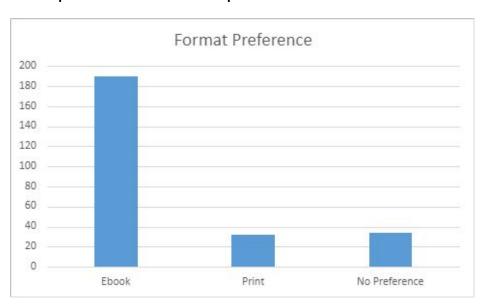
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Format preference

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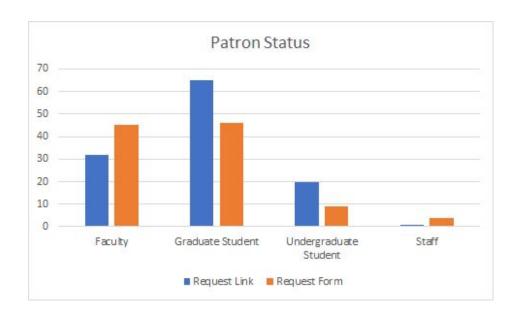






Who uses the request link?

Phase 3



Observations

Reality Checks

- Just ain't no ebook to be had;
- Dispatchers in time of need;
- Bailing out;
- Still seeking the holy grail.



Gratitude & Positivity

From Users

Thank you so much! I am very grateful for your thoughtfulness and helpfulness efficiently acquiring this ebook. It is extremely valuable for my research!

You guys are FAST! many thanks!

Yay, thank you so much... the first chapter alone is very valuable.

I am so grateful for your services. Fiction has been my relief during the pandemic.