How to Expand the E-Books Guide

Instead of a standard library template Web page, we decided to use the Springshare LibGuides format since the template was no longer scalable for a large number of collections. LibGuides effectively displays 10 times the number of collections, up from 4 to 40 (http://www.umuc.edu/library/database/ebooks.shtml). Accessed 39,000 times since September 2009.

Overall deciding factors on content

- Most comprehensive resources included.
- Quality over quantity emphasized.
- The collections put in priority order, based on the above two factors.
- The e-books either library subscriptions or freely available on the Web.
- Commercial websites not included.
- Library owned and Web-based e-books not distinguished.
- Large multidisciplinary resources not distinguished from subject specific collections.
- Audio books separated from e-books.
- Used the UMUC guidelines for best Web practices.

Final Guide Structure