

ProQuest Books: Updates for 2025



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First, a Thank You

Over the past few months, we've engaged in multiple conversations with many of you, listening to your views, questions and ideas.

We are committed to continuing to work with you and our partners for the future of libraries. **And we thank you for your guidance, candor, and thoughtful feedback.**

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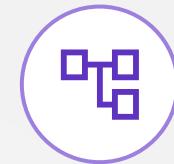
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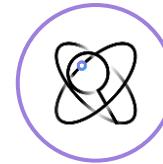
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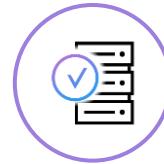
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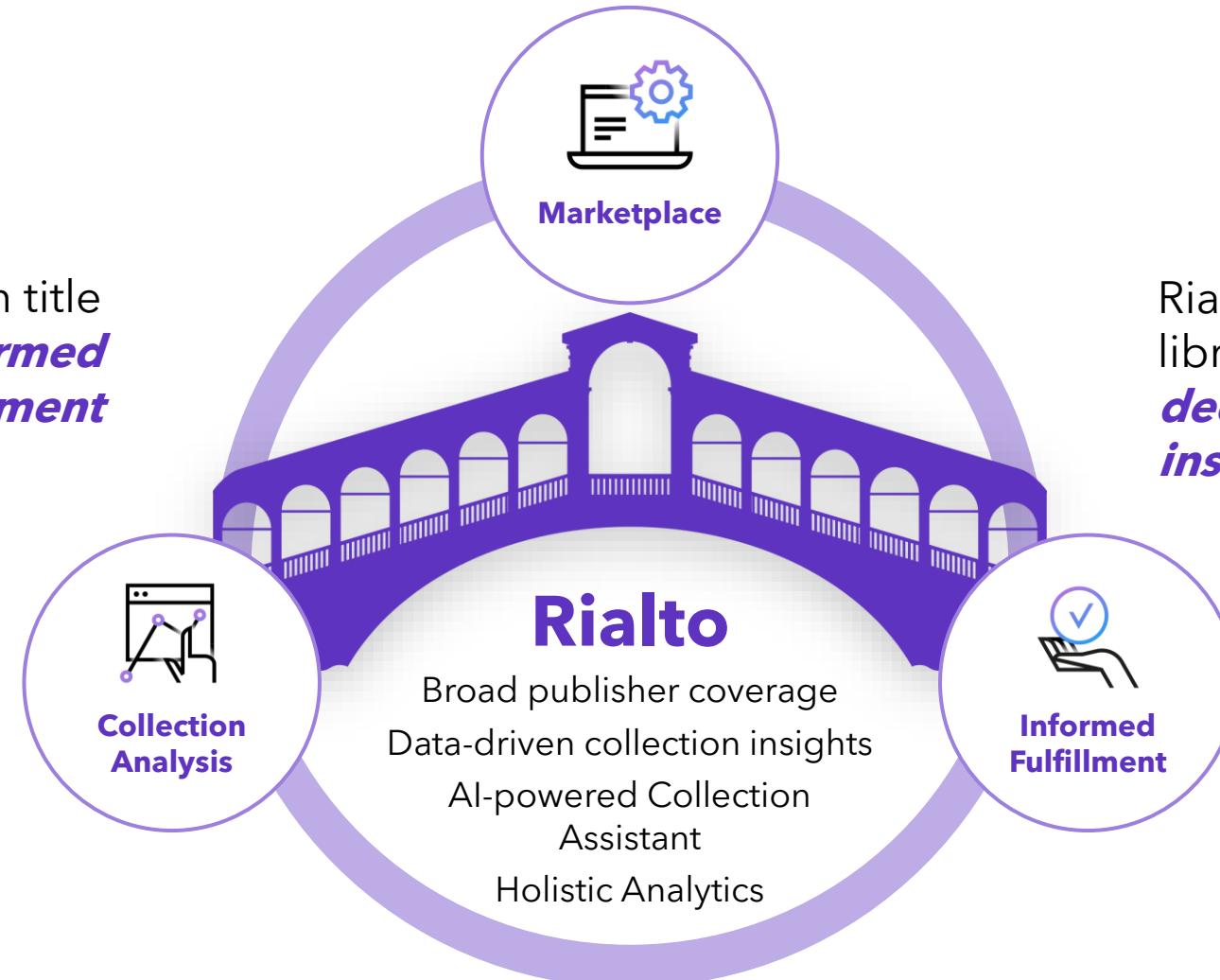


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Enhancements to support digital accessibility in 2025 and beyond

Launched! Ebook Central Reader App

Launched! Ebook Central AI Research Assistant

Launched! EPUB is now the default format on the online reader

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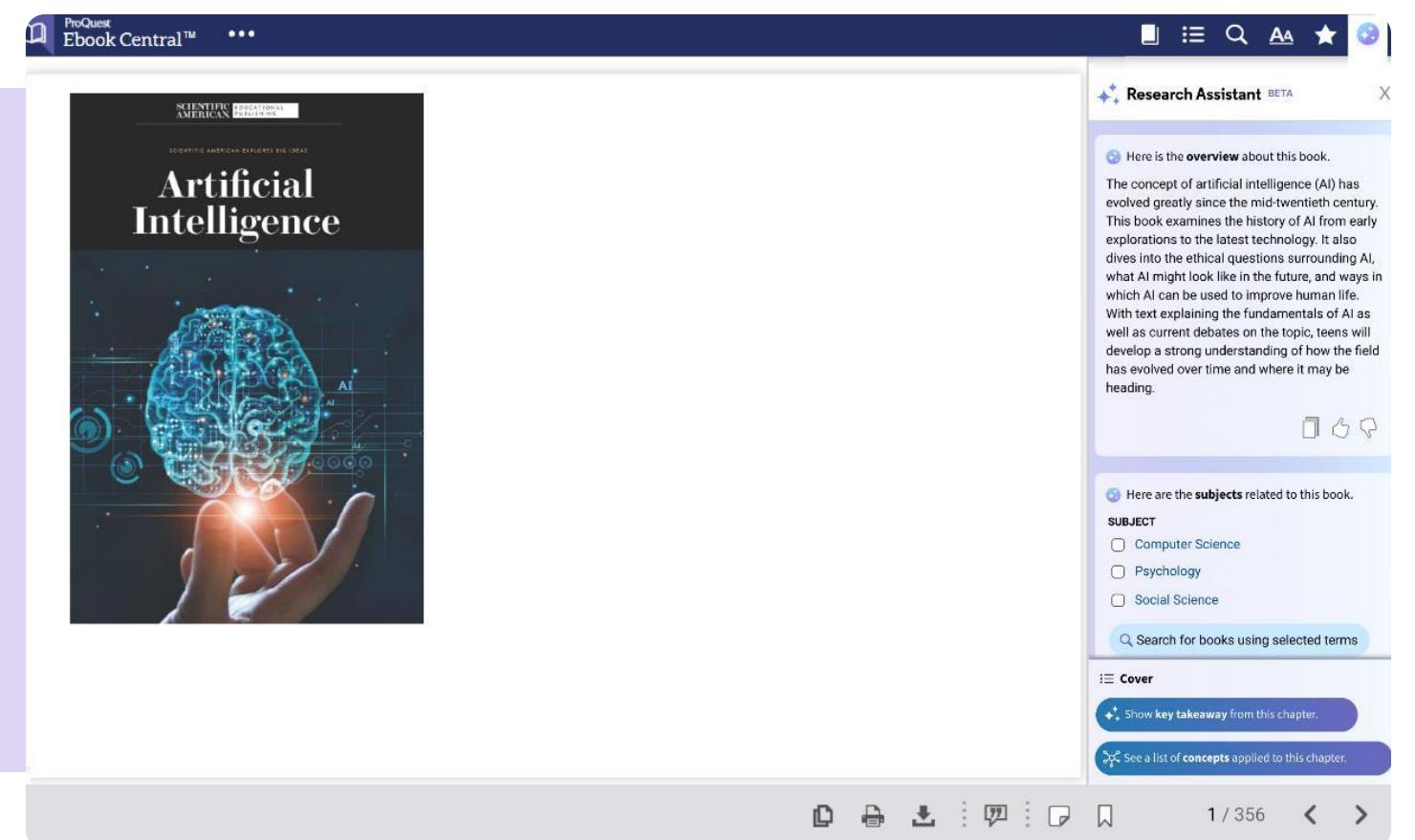


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Ebook Central™ Research Assistant BETA

Enhance student learning and streamline research with the Ebook Central™ Research Assistant, a **responsibly developed AI tool** designed to support academic success.



The screenshot displays the Ebook Central Research Assistant interface. At the top, the ProQuest Ebook Central™ logo is visible. The main content area shows the cover of the book "Artificial Intelligence" by Scientific American. The cover features a glowing blue brain and the text "SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN EXPLORES BIG IDEAS". To the right of the book cover, the Research Assistant sidebar is open, showing the following sections:

- Overview:** A detailed description of the book, stating that the concept of artificial intelligence (AI) has evolved greatly since the mid-twentieth century. It discusses the history of AI, its ethical implications, and its potential to improve human life.
- Subjects:** A list of subjects related to the book, including Computer Science, Psychology, and Social Science.
- Cover:** Options to show key takeaways from the chapter or see a list of concepts applied to the chapter.

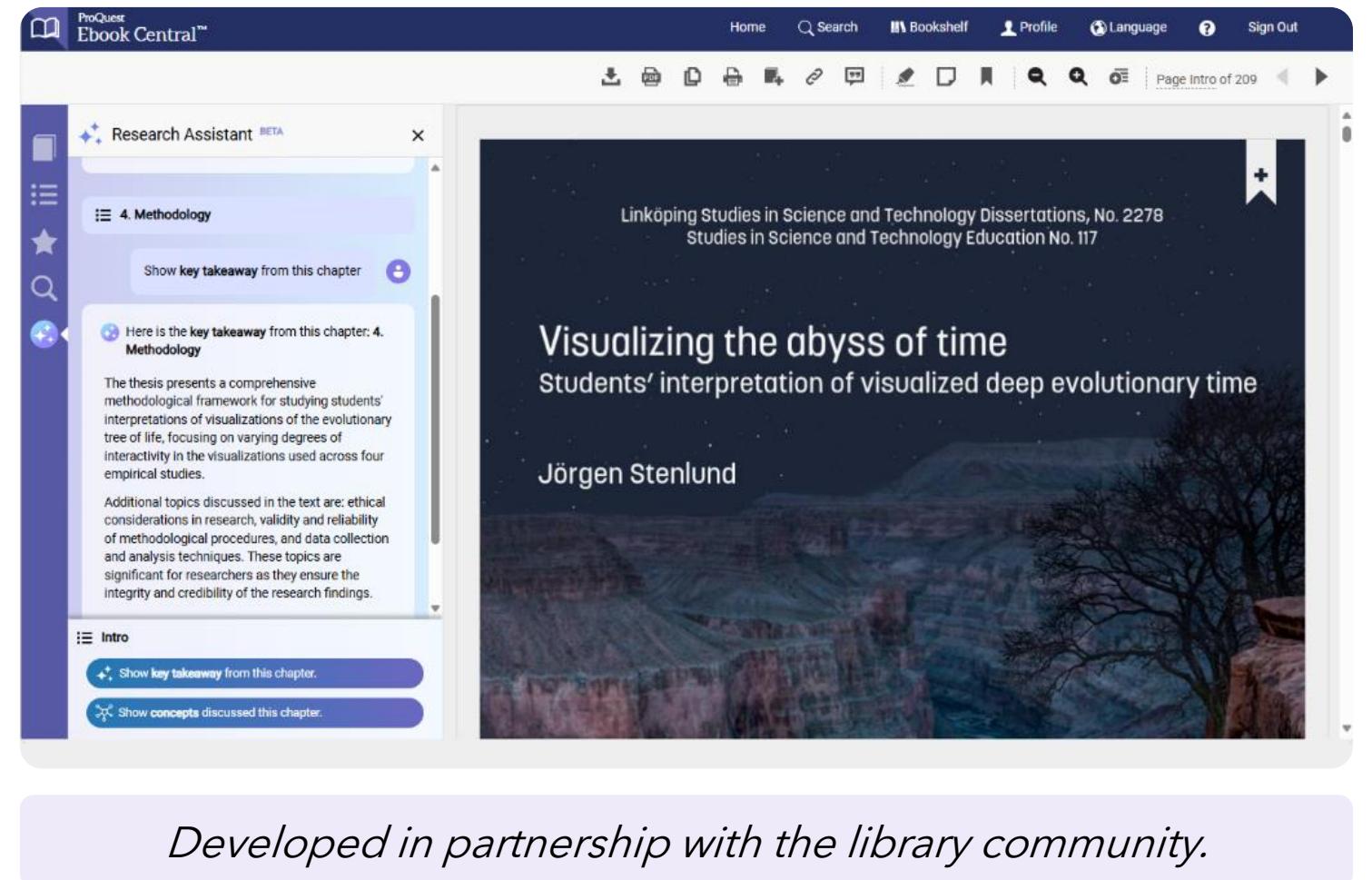
At the bottom of the interface, there are standard document navigation and sharing icons.

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Ebook Central Research Assistant | The user experience

As the patron browses through the book, they will see the following options in the Research Assistant:

- Book Description (non-AI)
- Book Subjects (non-AI)
- Chapter-level Key Takeaway (AI)
- Chapter-level Concepts (AI)
- Find related books in the Ebook Central catalog, based on Concepts



The screenshot shows the ProQuest Ebook Central interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Search, Bookshelf, Profile, Language, and Sign Out. Below the navigation bar, a toolbar offers various document management and search functions. The main content area displays a book chapter titled '4. Methodology'. A callout box from the 'Research Assistant' feature highlights a 'key takeaway' from this chapter, which is described as a comprehensive methodological framework for studying students' interpretations of visualizations of the evolutionary tree of life. The Research Assistant also lists 'Intro' and 'Show concepts discussed this chapter' options. To the right of the chapter content, a thumbnail image of the book cover is shown, featuring a landscape with a tree and the title 'Visualizing the abyss of time: Students' interpretation of visualized deep evolutionary time' by Jörgen Stenlund. The book is identified as 'Linköping Studies in Science and Technology Dissertations, No. 2278' and 'Studies in Science and Technology Education No. 117'. A purple banner at the bottom of the page states 'Developed in partnership with the library community.'

Ebook Central™ Research Assistant BETA

Designed to support research and learning, not replace it.



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Does not support conversational queries (e.g., users cannot submit their own questions and 'chat' with the Research Assistant).

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At the beginning of May 2025, we switched the default online reading format on Ebook Central from PDF to EPUB in support of the **European Accessibility Act** and **ADA Title II**

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EPUB is a responsive format that adjusts to screen sizes, making it compatible with assistive technologies like screen readers.



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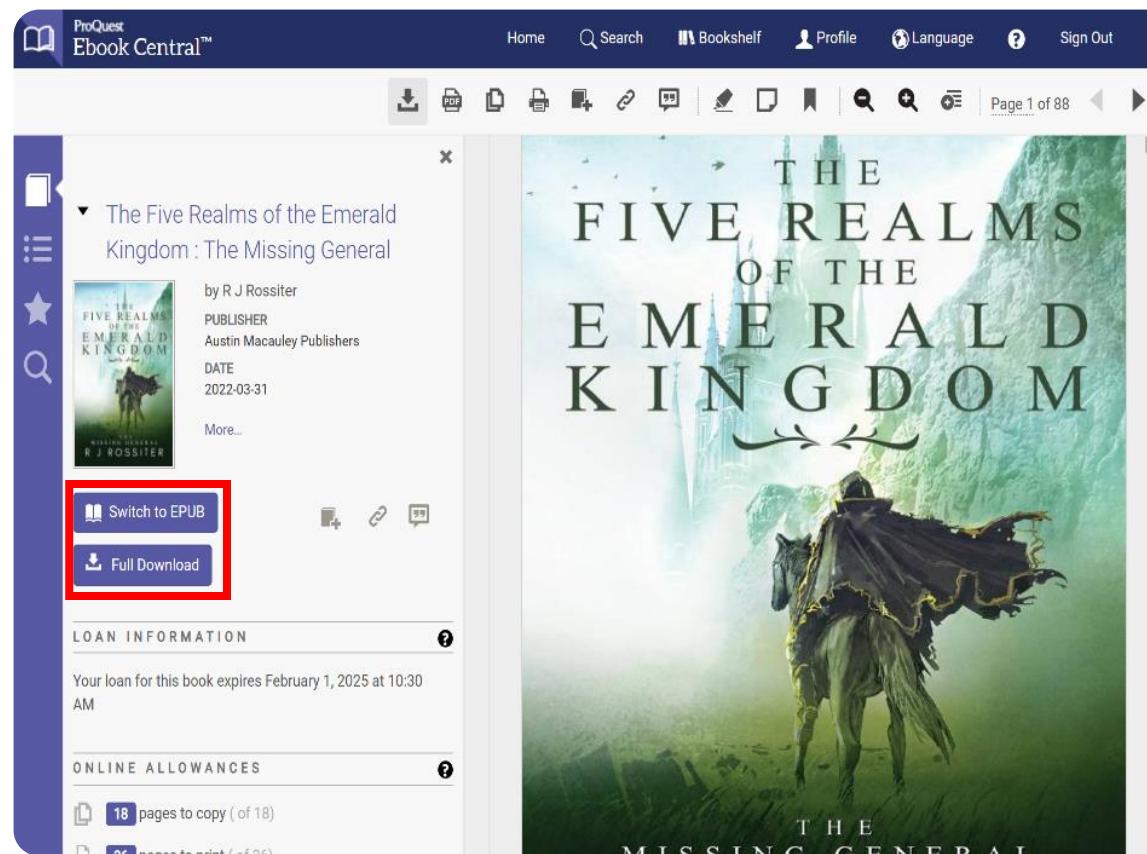
This change supports evolving accessibility standards and legislation globally, incl. EEA (EU), ADA Title II (US) and AODA (Canada).



Enhanced Reading Features:

EPUBs are designed for a modern, digital reading experience. They offer features like reflowable text, toggles and embedded multimedia elements.

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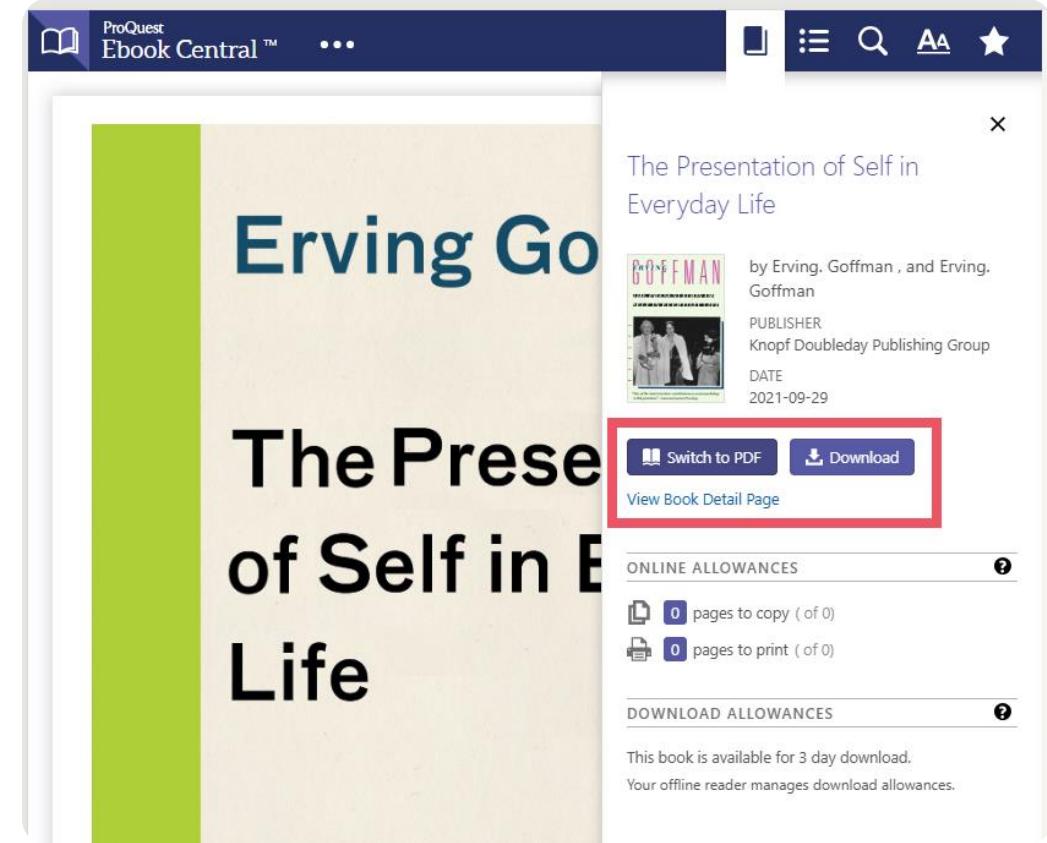
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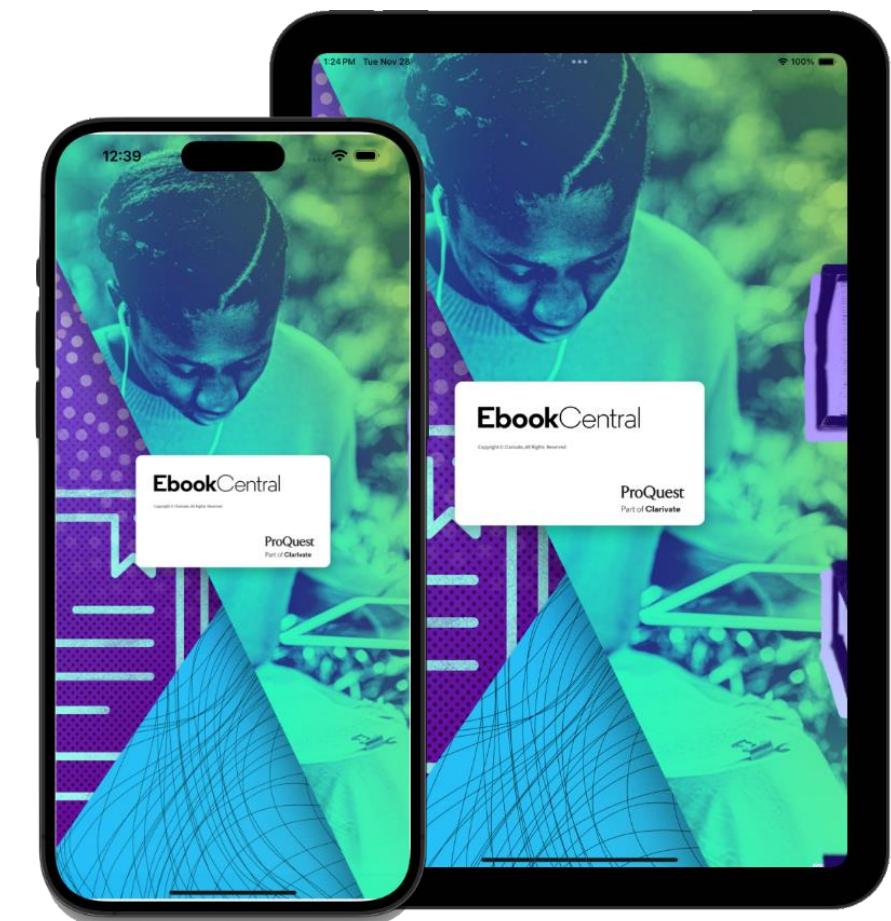
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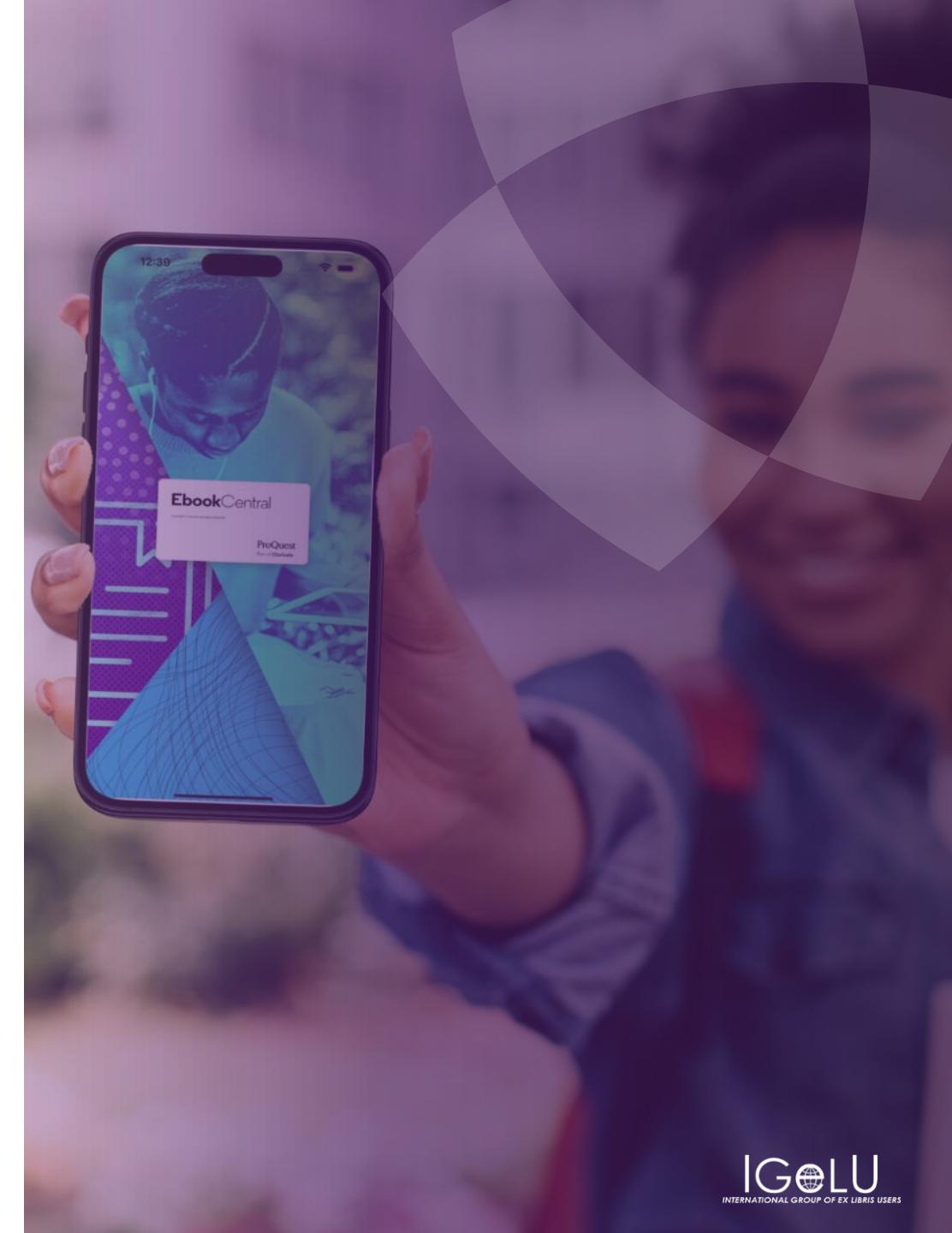
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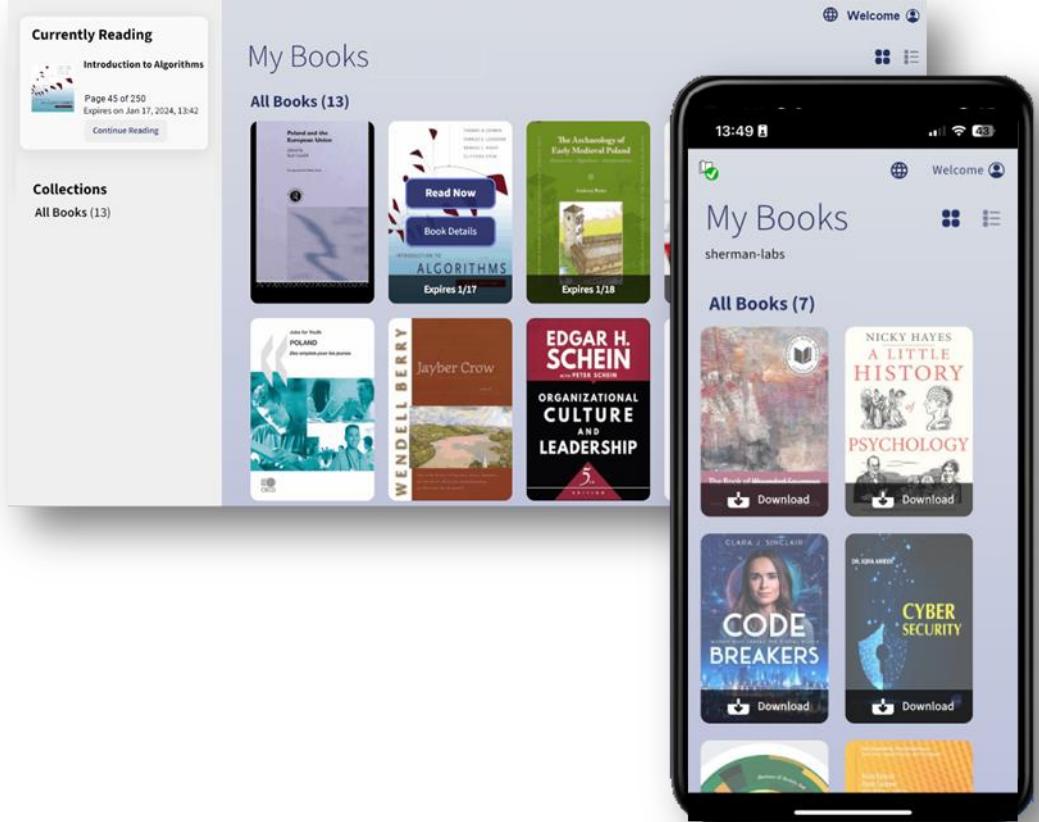
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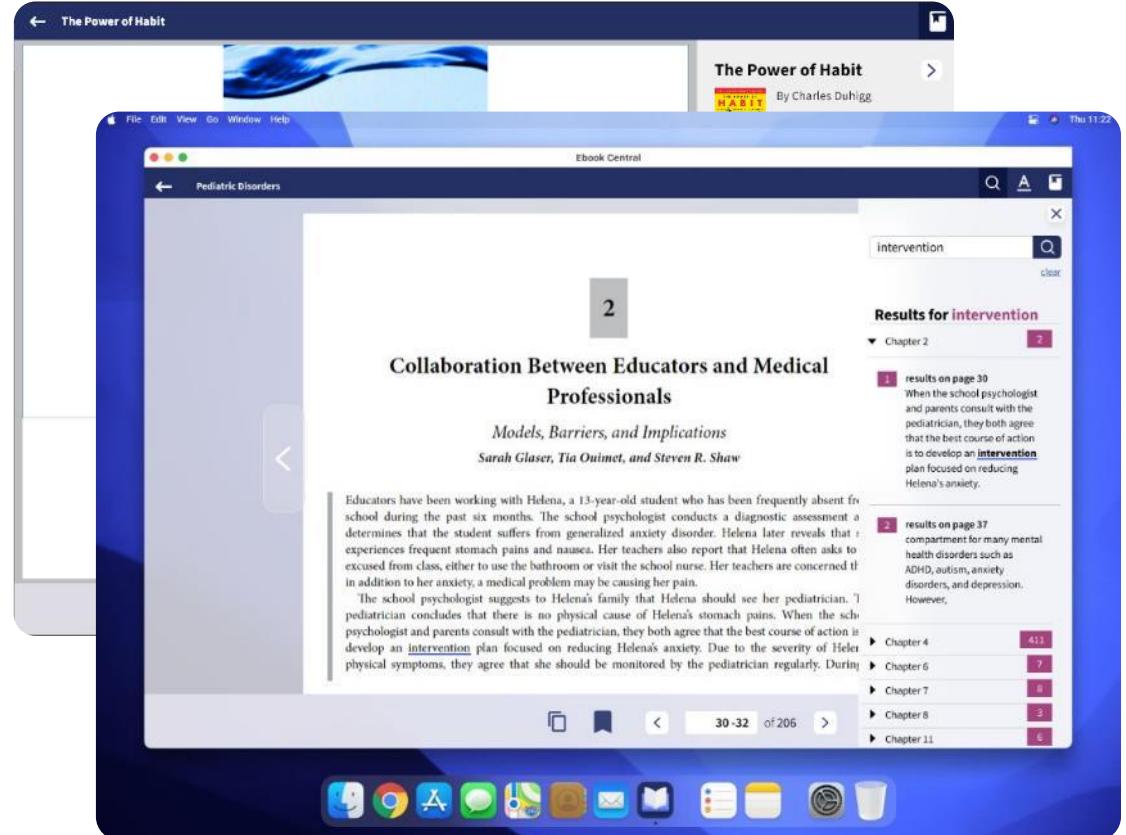
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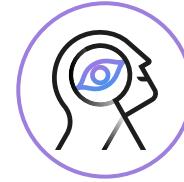


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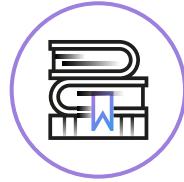
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