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- Over 400 leading international publishing partners and imprints
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- Integration at title, chapter or page level within the library catalogue, web page, virtual learning environment or managed learning environment
- Interoperability with link resolvers, federated search and content discovery tools
- Management reports including COUNTER book reports 1, 2 & 6
- Integration with RefWorks and EndNote citation management tools

Access

- Multiple concurrent access
- Unlimited access
- Remote access 24/7
- 5 minute preview of non-owned content
- Print and copy permissions
- Notes and My Favourites
- Sophisticated DRM

Authentication

- IP Authentication
- Classic Athens, Athens DA and OpenAthens
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- 5 minute preview
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- Notes facility
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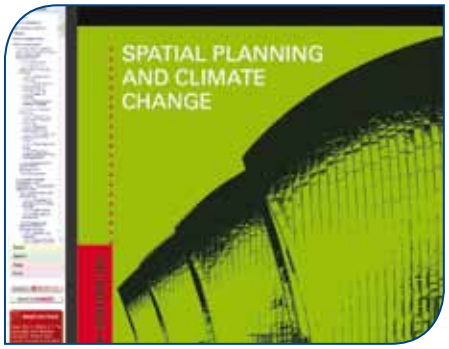

Admin Portal

Library management portal

- Full text search
- 5 minute preview
- Acquisition module
- Wish lists
- Manage your ebook collection
- COUNTER usage reports
- Management reports
- Title matching facility
- Admin tools and system setting

Flexible Purchase Model

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Perpetual Access

Libraries can purchase ebooks, title-by-title, to build a tailored collection from the extensive dawsonera catalogue.

The benefits include:

- Build a tailored collection
- Individual purchase
- Publisher's list price
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