

The R2 Digital Library from Rittenhouse Receives Gold in 2019 Modern Library Awards from LibraryWorks



January 23, 2019 – Rittenhouse Book Distributors is pleased to announce its health sciences eBook database, the R2 Digital Library, is, multi-year honoree and the recipient of a gold award in LibraryWorks’ fifth annual Modern Library Awards (MLAs).

The MLAs were created to recognize the top products and services in the library industry in a truly unbiased format. Products and services were submitted in the fall using a simple application, and then were posted on a private site with an enhanced description and attendant materials. These products were batched into small groups and sent to the LibraryWorks database of more than 80,000 librarians at public, K-12, academic, and special libraries.

Only customers with experience with these products/services in their facilities were permitted to judge the products/services, resulting in a truly unbiased score. Each judge scored the product on a numeric basis from 1-10 on a series of questions regarding functionality, value, customer service, etc.

“We strive to offer our customers a preeminent solution to collecting digital content for the health sciences,” said Nicole Gallo, Executive Director Sales & Marketing, Rittenhouse Book Distributors. “Receiving a gold award for the R2 Digital Library proves how valuable R2 is to librarians and health sciences students and professionals. Our database was built with the health sciences user in mind.”

The R2 Digital Library platform offers thousands of health science eBooks from the leading publishers and associations—including videos and images. These high yield, current resources provide the specialized content demanded by health sciences professionals, faculty and students.

Jenny Newman, publisher and MLA program manager said, “It’s hardly a surprise that the R2 Digital Library scored so well. They’ve proven the quality and uniqueness of their eBook database to the industry, since its debut to the market in 2005.”

In addition to traditional publisher content, the R2 Digital Library also offers Open Educational Resources (OER). Some additional features and benefits of the R2 Digital Library include:

- Resources are purchased individually and seamlessly combine to create a customized database.
- Librarians are able to build collections based on their users’ needs.
- Upon purchase, eBooks are immediately accessible with perpetual access.
- R2 features a unique Patron Driven Acquisition model—with no automatic or required purchase—to enable users to inform collection development decisions.

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Founded in Philadelphia as a retail medical bookstore in 1946, Rittenhouse Book Distributors, Inc. provides libraries, retailers and other businesses with print and electronic books in the fields of medicine, nursing and allied health. Rittenhouse connects its partners with the information, services and expertise critical to their success. The R2 Digital Library, Rittenhouse's market-leading eBook database provides customers with access to thousands of essential and specialized titles in an intuitive interface, optimized for use in health sciences. Rittenhouse Book Distributors, Inc. is a privately held firm headquartered in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Rittenhouse is an EEP/AAP employer. For more information, visit Rittenhouse.com.

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About the Modern Library Awards program

The Modern Library Awards (MLAs) is a review program designed to recognize elite products and services in the market which can help library management personnel enhance the quality-of-experience for the library user and increase the performance of their library systems.