

The R2 Digital Library from Rittenhouse Receives Platinum Award in the 2024 Modern Library Awards from LibraryWorks



January 2024—Rittenhouse is pleased to announce its health sciences eBook database, the R2 Digital Library, is a multiyear platinum award honoree in LibraryWorks’ 10th annual Modern Library Awards (MLAs).

The MLAs were designed to serve as an unbiased program recognizing the top products and services in the library industry.

Participants submitted applications along with descriptions of their products and services to be reviewed by the LibraryWorks readership in the fall. These products were organized into small groups and sent to the LibraryWorks database of more than 80,000 librarians at public, K-12, academic, and special libraries for review.

Only judges who have experience with the product or service in their institution were permitted to evaluate, scoring the product on a numeric basis from 1-10 on a series of questions regarding functionality, value, customer service, etc. Products receiving an average score of 8.5 or higher received the Platinum Award.

Jenny Newman, publisher and MLA program manager said, “It’s hardly a surprise that the R2 Digital Library received another platinum award. Rittenhouse has proven the continued quality and uniqueness of their eBook database to the industry since its debut to the market in 2005.”

The R2 Digital Library platform offers thousands of health science eBooks from leading publishers, societies, and professional associations. These up-to-date, high-yield resources (including an extensive video and images library) provide the specialized content that health sciences professionals, faculty, and students need to support their education and practice.

“The R2 Digital Library was created with the health sciences librarian and patron in mind. At Rittenhouse, we strive to offer our customers the market-leading solution to collecting digital content for the health sciences,” said Nicole Gallo, Executive Vice President, Rittenhouse. “Receiving another platinum award for the R2 Digital Library further validates how valuable the platform and its content is to librarians, health sciences students, and professionals.”

Additional features and benefits of the R2 Digital Library include:

- Competitive concurrent user pricing for eBooks across the platform, making digital health sciences collection development even more affordable.
- Individually purchased resources seamlessly combine to create a customized database.
- Librarians can build collections based on their patrons’ needs through a unique Patron Driven Acquisition model—with no automatic or required purchase—to inform collection development decisions.
- Upon purchase, eBooks are immediately accessible with perpetual access.
- R2 Digital Library also offers Open Educational Resources (OER).

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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.