APPENDIX F: Ideal eBook Features

- Portable Format
  - Not hardware specific
  - Able to use the text in other applications
  - Offers versatility in access options - online, download to computer and/or handheld device, dedicated reader

- Technology/Interface
  - No bandwidth issues
  - Does not require the user to be connected to the Internet at all times during usage
  - ADA compliant
  - Complete and helpful documentation (point of use help, tutorials, etc.)
  - Interface should adhere to usability heuristics (e.g., see Jacok Nielsen's Ten Usability Heuristics: http://www.useit.com/papers/heuristic/heuristic_list.html)

- Content ("true to the original")
  - Include all charts, figures and illustrations include color
  - Where applicable, display pages with original page numbering

- Navigation Tools
  - ToC and index linked to text
  - Page forward/back feature
  - "Jump to" page feature
  - Browse capability (text, toc, index)

- Delivery Options
  - Download
  - Email

- Usage Functions
  - Print (variety of print options: one page, many pages, specify range of pages and high quality print)
  - Copy to clipboard

- Tools/Services
  - Advanced search capabilities (truncation, Boolean, fielded, proximity, etc.)
  - Search Results - highlight found terms in context
  - "Dog-ear" (bookmark) capability
  - "Highlight" Text
  - Annotations tools (add "post-it" type notes/comments)
  - Allow for zooming; increase font size
  - Interactive dictionary and thesaurus
  - Produce citations and a bibliography in the format of the user's choice
  - Ability to place a "bookmark" in a book so that the next time you access that book you enter on the page where you last were (since most people do not read a book in one sitting)

    - Additional Desirable Tools/Services - link to associated information:
  - Author biography
  - Book reviews
  - Citation indexes (e.g., Web of Science)
  - Other works by the author
  - Cited source (e.g., from footnotes)

- Library System Requirements
  - Integration with local system e.g., links from OPACs
  - Where applicable, integration with current and future library services (e.g., update)
  - Provide MARC record
  - Provide complete and easily accessible (e.g., via the web) usage statistics