

# Springer Book Archives (SBA)

## FAQ for Librarians

1. What is the Springer Book Archives?	The Springer Book Archives (SBA) is the initiative responsible for digitizing Springer books that are not yet available as eBooks, dating back to the 1840s.
2. What is published through the SBA?	<p>The SBA is digitizing and distributing as many Springer books as possible (around 100,000), from both the STM and professional publishing houses.</p> <p>All SBA eBooks will be hosted together on SpringerLink, along with journals, protocols, and more.</p>
3. Does this mean all Springer books will be online now?	No, a project of this scope is impossible to completed down to every last title. Our goal is to be as complete as <i>possible</i> , with around 100K <u>additional</u> books expected online by the end of 2013, with about half of the titles available on Link/R&D starting December 2012.
4. Do SBA titles share the same features as other Springer eBooks?	<p>SBA books will have the same SpringerLink look and structure as our other eBooks. They will be PDF only, but each book will also have a table of contents and references.</p> <p>The SBA will be sold in the usual purchase model, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• in English/International and German (no subject collections) for copyright years 1842-2004</li></ul> <p>SBA titles will be integrated into the SpringerLink search platform with our other books, journals and protocols and also have the same robust feature set:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Free MARC records</li><li>• No DRM (digital rights management)</li><li>• DOIs at the title and chapter levels</li><li>• MyCopy Print-on-Demand (in available regions, for most titles) <a href="http://www.springer.com/MyCopy">www.springer.com/MyCopy</a></li><li>• COUNTER-compliant usage statistics</li><li>• Mobile-compatible PDFs</li><li>• And More!</li></ul>
5. How much does	Single site, multi-site and consortia arrangements are available for all our

<p>the SBA cost?</p>	<p>electronic products. Please contact your local Springer representative, agent for additional information: <a href="http://www.springer.com/salescontacts">www.springer.com/salescontacts</a></p>
<p>6. What are some of the benefits of all of this additional content?</p>	<p>This unprecedented collection of historical eBooks provides a critical foundational knowledge for researchers and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• much greater opportunity for librarians to move toward a virtual library</li> <li>• much greater access to quality, previously out-of-print or hard to find content for researchers</li> <li>• enriched metadata available to search and discovery services like Google</li> <li>• more meaningful, COUNTER-compliant usage statistics than for print books</li> <li>• a vastly expanded MyCopy selection</li> <li>• much greater visibility for authors</li> </ul>
<p>7. Are SBA titles DRM-free?</p>	<p>Yes! As with all Springer eBooks, the SBA titles are free of DRM, allowing for unlimited simultaneous users, printing and downloading, to computers, tablets and eReaders.</p>
<p>8. Are MARC records available for these titles?</p>	<p>Yes, free MARC records will be provided for all SBA titles, at <a href="http://www.springer.com/MARC">www.springer.com/MARC</a>.</p>
<p>9. Does the SBA cover all subjects?</p>	<p>The SBA covers the same 12 subject collections as all of our eBooks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behavioral Science</li> <li>• Biomedical and Life Sciences</li> <li>• Business &amp; Economics</li> <li>• Chemistry &amp; Material Science</li> <li>• Computer</li> <li>• Earth &amp; Environmental Science</li> <li>• Engineering</li> <li>• Humanities, Social Sciences &amp; Law</li> <li>• Mathematics &amp; Statistics</li> <li>• Medicine</li> <li>• Physics &amp; Astronomy</li> <li>• Professional and Applied Computing</li> </ul>
<p>10. Does the SBA cover all languages?</p>	<p>Yes, but the final book title list will include books primarily in English and German (approximately 50% each).</p>

<p>11. Is it possible to purchase the book and journal archives together?</p>	<p>Please contact the Springer sales team for details on purchase options: <a href="http://www.springer.com/salescontacts">www.springer.com/salescontacts</a></p>
<p>12. Are there any authors of note in the SBA?</p>	<p>Yes! Renowned scientists have published with Springer such as Werner Siemens, Rudolf Diesel, Werner Siemens, Karl Scheel, Rudolph Virchow, Marie Curie and many others.</p>
<p>13. How are SBA books being digitized?</p>	<p>SBA titles are being scanned using the latest digitizing technologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black mode @ 600 dpi</li> <li>• Half-tones in gray or color @ 300 dpi</li> <li>• Illustrations are scanned separately then mounted into text files</li> <li>• OCR allows for full-text searching</li> <li>• Enriched and extracted metadata for better discoverability</li> </ul>
<p>14. Is the content linked to CrossRef, PubMed, MATH, ChemPort, MathSciNet?</p>	<p>SBA books are being assigned CrossRef DOIs, at the title and chapter levels, just like all of our other eBooks.</p>
<p>15. Are usage statistics separated out for the SBA and contemporary eBooks?</p>	<p>Fully COUNTER-compliant usage statistics for all Springer eBooks are available, but archives usage is not separated out.</p>
<p>16. Are SBA titles also available in print?</p>	<p>Yes, SBA titles, many of which were previously out-of-print, are available in softcover print and via MyCopy (as applicable, see <a href="http://www.springer.com/MyCopy">www.springer.com/MyCopy</a> for details).</p>
<p>17. Will the SBA be available for through aggregators and other 3<sup>rd</sup> parties?</p>	<p>No, at this time, SBA can only be purchased directly from Springer. Please contact us for more information: <a href="http://springer.com/salescontacts">springer.com/salescontacts</a></p>
<p>18. Can individual SBA eBooks be purchased?</p>	<p>Individual SBA eBooks will be available for purchase on springer.com at a later point of time. When, and by which third-party distributor individual eBooks will be sold is still under discussion.</p>

<p>19. Does Springer have e-rights for all of these books?</p>	<p>Titles in the SBA fall into a number of rights categories. For most recently published titles, Springer already has the electronic rights due to contractual provisions. Additionally, in some countries, such as Germany, copyright allows for electronic rights in instances when the author transferred all rights to the publisher. Many of the very early titles in the collection are now in the public domain. However, there are indeed titles for which the rights situation is not yet clear. We are both checking contracts and contacting authors or their legal heirs. While we work to resolve these rights issues, we are also spreading the word about the project and asking authors to contact us regarding rights. We are working very hard to obtain those rights that we do not already have.</p>
<p>20. Did authors sign an agreement with Springer?</p>	<p>For the most recent archive titles, either contracts included electronic rights or transferred all media rights, in such cases permitting us to publish electronic versions; thus, no additional agreement with the author was needed. Titles with authors who died more than 70 years ago also required no additional transfer of rights. In other instances, we are contacting authors or their legal heirs.</p>
<p>21. How will authors be remunerated for their work?</p>	<p>SBA authors and rights holders can elect to either receive or waive royalties. For those who waive royalties, Springer will significantly increase its level of support to charitable organizations such as INASP and Research4Life that help provide the developing world with access to scientific research based on author participation.</p>
<p>22. Is a separate license or contract required for SBA customers?</p>	<p>If you are an existing customer with a current license agreement to SpringerLink, an amendment for SBA will be added to the current agreement.  Non-SpringerLink licensees require an agreement to purchase SBA.</p>
<p>23. Is Pay-Per-View available on SBA titles?</p>	<p>Yes. Book chapters will be available on SpringerLink for the same price as our other eBook chapters, \$29.95 and €24.95.</p>
<p>24. Where is a list of SBA titles and packages available?</p>	<p><a href="http://www.springer.com/bookarchives">www.springer.com/bookarchives</a></p>
<p>25. What about free trials for the SBA?</p>	<p>Free trials are not available for the SBA.</p>

26. What about those complimentary book series, 1997-2004?	Book series published 1997-2004 are now part of the SBA. Customers who have previously had complimentary access to these works should contact their Springer representatives for information on options for continuing access.
27. What is the value of all retail (print?) titles?	The actual retail cost of so many titles spanning so many years is really impossible to determine.
28. When will the SBA project be completed?	Digitization began in November 2010 and all available books will be online by year-end 2013, with about half of English-language titles available by year-end 2012.
29. Is a FAQ available for my patrons?	Yes! A researcher FAQ is posted at: <a href="http://www.springer.com/bookarchives">www.springer.com/bookarchives</a> .