



Getting Started With Pressbooks



1 Register for a Pressbooks account

- Reach out to your local library to set up your own Pressbooks account.
- Creation of an account requires a username, email address and book title.

2 Add your book information

- This is where you add and edit information about your book, such as author name, subtitle, publication date, cover, etc.
- Here you can fill out as many or as few of the metadata fields as you would like.

3 Add and organize your text

- In this section you can edit your content and organize it into chapters.
- This is also where you have the ability to add front and back matter, such as a bibliography, introduction, or preface.

4 Select your book design theme

- Pressbooks offers over 50 unique themes to choose from for those who would like to alter the overall appearance of your content.

5 Export your book!

- Lastly, you export your own professional-grade ePUB, PDF and MOBI files with Pressbooks' simple one-button export panel.

Frequently Asked Questions



What is Pressbooks?

Pressbooks is an easy-to-use online software – now available through your library – that allows you to create professional-quality eBook and print-ready files of your book in ePUB, MOBI and PDF formats.

Do I need to know anything about graphic design or coding to use Pressbooks?

Nope! You can write, edit and format your book in Pressbooks with no coding or graphic design knowledge at all. Pressbooks offers over 50 different free themes, each carefully and professionally designed, that are ready for you choose from. Pressbooks also allows you to easily add footnotes, images, front matter, back matter, table of contents and more, all with no experience necessary.

Does Pressbooks take any ownership of my exported files?

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Can I use Pressbooks if I already have a draft of my book?

Yes! You can copy and paste each existing chapter of your book into Pressbooks OR import your entire Word document. (Note: Pressbooks cannot convert PDF files to ePUBs)

After I export my book with Pressbooks can I make changes to it?

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