

Evidence Based Acquisition (EBA)

Hello, in this tutorial you will learn what Evidence Based Acquisition, or EBA, is as well as how to review your pool, and pin titles for selection at the end of the program.

EBA is a purchasing program that allows the library to subscribe to a large pool of ebooks at a fraction of the cost. Subscriptions are typically 1-year terms and require an upfront deposit that determines the number of titles available. At the end of the term, the library can choose titles up to the deposit amount to retain with perpetual access.

Rialto currently offers EBA programs with Taylor & Francis and Ebook Central. Additional platforms are coming soon. Rialto EBA requires a new agreement and cannot be added to any existing EBA programs currently in progress. If you would like to implement EBA in Rialto, please contact ProQuest to get started.

Once an EBA program has started, Rialto allows staff to monitor a pool and make selection decisions during an in-progress program to reduce the crunch of selecting titles when it closes.

To access your pool go to Market > EBA. Here you can see all the existing plans in the system. To review items in each pool click on the row action tool and select Review. This list shows all of the titles in your pool for this EBA program.

You can use this list to monitor the top titles in the pool, pin titles to be purchased at the end of the program and dismiss titles that should not be purchased.

To explore your pool, you can facet the results. This allows you to focus on titles that have been pinned or are unreviewed. Faceting by classification allows you to see top titles in different subject areas so that, for example, you can ensure variety in how your budget is spent.

You can also see how much of the budget has been reserved by currently pinned titles, and how much is remaining.

Ranking profiles allow you to sort the pool by different criteria. While usage is the predominant factor for legacy EBA decisions, Rialto's ranking profiles allow you to toggle between different methods of sorting as you evaluate what titles to purchase. Please watch the session on Ranking Profiles for more information on how to set them up.

If you have a title that you want to ensure is purchased at the end of the plan, you can pin it. To do so click on the row action tool of the item and select Pin. The ability to pin an item is available throughout Rialto including:

- Lists...
- Feeds...
- and Search results

If you change your mind, you unpin a title.

If you have a title that you know you will not want to purchase and you want to hide it from the pool, you can dismiss it. The “unpin” and “dismiss actions” are only available from the EBA pool view.

This concludes this session on how EBA works in Rialto including how to facet, pin and dismiss items, and monitor your program.