Transcript for Davis Library’s Video Tutorial:

1. When searching Davis Library’s Catalog “RioCat,” you may find a number of records listed in your results with the description “electronic resource” showing in brackets just after the item’s title.

2. The statement “1 online resource” may also appear below the publication information.

3. In most instances, these notations let you know the item is an “electronic book,” which is called also called an “eBook.” EBooks are books that are composed in or adapted to digital format.

4. RioCat does list other types of electronic resources such as online “Government Documents.”

5. In RioCat, clicking on the item’s “Title” in the “Brief Record” will give you access to its “Full Record.” There you’ll get a more complete description of the resource available. The Full Record also displays the access links needed to connect to the electronic resource.
6. The eBooks listed in RioCat are available to us through our participation in “OhioLINK.”

The “Ohio Library and Information Network” (OhioLINK) is a state-wide resource sharing system made up of mostly academic libraries.

The eBook titles listed in RioCat may also be found using the “OhioLINK Electronic Book Center” (EBC), which we offer a direct link to on the “Davis Library’s Home Page” (www.rio.edu/library).

7. The OhioLINK Electronic Book Center offers a variety of search options.

“Keywords” are highlighted in results lists and…

“Facets” are offered to the left to help you narrow and refine your search results by subject or by date.
8. Clicking on an item’s Title in the results list will give you access to the resource. The eBook’s “Table of Contents” will often be provided to help you navigate the work’s online pages.

9. Sometimes in the RioCat full records, two “resource-connect” links will be provided—one for “on-campus” and one for “off-campus” access.

10. Off-campus access requires that you complete an “authentication process,” where you first identify the institution with which you are affiliated. Then, you’ll enter your name (first and last); your barcode (that’s your student or employee ID#); and PIN (personal identification number—which for students is set by default to the last 4-digits of their social security number.)

11. Once connected with the resource, it may be read online. Then, depending on the publisher or vendor licensing and copyright policies, some portions of the text may also be available for download or printing, if necessary.
12. Whichever way you decide to search for these OhioLINK resources, it’s important to note that off-campus access to them is “restricted.” Their use is limited to student, faculty and staff of OhioLINK member institutions.

When accessing from home, you’ll be prompted to authenticate whether or not a direct “off-campus connect” link is provided.

13. If you have any questions about utilizing or accessing eBooks in RioCat, then please… “Ask Us!”

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