

A Quick Starting Guide to Apabi E-book Database

Access to Apabi E-book Database

On campus: Any of the three following options will work for on campus access

1. Directly log on to the database by clicking on <http://upitt.lib.apabi.com/list.asp?lang=gb>.
2. On PittCat, type in “Apabi ebooks” under search by title. Once the bibliographic record is open, follow the web link in the record.
3. Go to library homepage: <http://www.library.pitt.edu/>, click on “Find Articles”, then click on “Database A to Z”, then choose “Apabi E-books”.

Remote access:

Enter the SSL VPN site: <https://sslvpn.pitt.edu> . Once into the VPN site, follow the on-campus access option 2 or 3.


Choice of Browsers:

Currently, Apabi e-book interface only works on Internet Explorer. It does not work on Netscape at all.

On Mozilla Firefox you may be able to browse the full text for 10 minutes, but you will not be able to download and check out the book for offline reading.

Reading Chinese E-books

1. Make sure you are logged into the database. If you see a welcome message, you are successfully logged in.



2. Download the Apabi Reader. The download icon is located beneath the subject categories on the left. You'll need to scroll down the right cursor to locate the icon. If you do not first download the Reader, you will be prompted to do so when you open a book to browse online or to check out for offline reading.



3. Select the book of your interest. Currently the East Asian Library has purchase around 500 titles of various subject areas that complement our print collection. Addition titles will be added to the database on an on-going basis. The selected titles are listed on the main page for browsing. You may browse books in a particular subject area by clicking on subject categories listed on the left side as

well. You may also do a title search to see if a particular title of your interest is included in the database.

The screenshot shows a search interface with a category list on the left and two book details on the right. A red arrow points to the '文学 (32)' category in the list, with a callout box that says 'Choose a category to browse'. Another red arrow points to the book cover image of '基层民主选举与农村社会重构', with a callout box that says 'Click on the cover image to open the book'.

Choose a category to browse

Click on the cover image to open the book.

- Once you decided on a title to read, click and open that title, you will see relevant bibliographic information of that book. Two reading options are available:
 - Browse online:** providing 10-minute online reading for you to decide if you would be interested in further reading.
 - Borrow:** If you choose this option, the book will be downloaded to your Apabi Reader File Management, and you can read it offline, and you may keep it for up to 2 weeks. Then it will automatically expire.

The screenshot shows a search interface with a category list on the left and a book detail on the right. Two green buttons are visible: '在线阅读' (Online Reading) and '借阅' (Borrow). A red arrow points to the '借阅' button, with a callout box that says 'Download and check out for reading offline'. Another red arrow points to the '在线阅读' button, with a callout box that says 'Download and browse online'.

Download and check out for reading offline

Download and browse online

- No matter which option you choose, once you click on the online browse icon or check out icon, the downloading process begins. Depending on the size and content of the book, the downloading time takes about 1-3 minutes. When the percentage becomes 100%, download completes.

The screenshot shows the Apabi Reader software interface. A table displays the download progress of a book. The table has columns for 'File name', 'File size (KB)', 'Already download...', 'Download percent...', 'Download address', and 'Local file name'. The first row shows a book with a file size of 1,950 KB, 1,192 KB downloaded, and 61% progress.

File name	File size (KB)	Already download...	Download percent...	Download address	Local file name
党史 政...	1,950	1,192	61%	http://59.64.114.137/0108/m(2E)20071...	D:\program files\Founder\Apabi Reade...

6. When the download completes, Apabi Reader will be launched, and you will be able to read the full text of the Apabi ebook as you would with any other ebooks.

