

Customizing Realistic Books in Greenstone

The Realistic Book feature (see <http://nzdl.org/Books>) has been integrated into Greenstone since version 2.81.

To activate it for your collection:

1. Your documents need to be in HTML or PDF format. Greenstone allows you to convert Word, rtf, txt and certain other text-based formats into HTML before building the collection. To do this, right-click on such a document in the collection area in GLI's *Gather* panel and choose *Replace with HTML version* in the shortcut menu. You can hold down Shift (and Ctrl) to select multiple files of the same document type before right-clicking to convert them into HTML in this manner.
2. Before building the collection, go to the *Design* panel of GLI and select the **HTMLPlugin** from the list of *Assigned Document Plugins*. Press the *Configure Plugin* button and, in the Configure dialog that appears, scroll down to the option "**use_realistic_book**".
3. Note: You have to place the cover image file in the same folder, with the same name of the source file.
4. Build the collection. Go to the *Create* panel and press the **Build Collection** button.
5. When previewing the collection in the browser, go to the *Preferences* page. Under the section *Presentation Preferences*, there will be a new dropdown box labeled *Book viewer mode*. Set it to **on**. Press the *Set Preferences* Button. Click on the *Browse* or *Search* buttons in the navigation bar and click to view an appropriate document which should be rendered as a Realistic Book now.
