Let’s Talk About E-Books: A Conversation Between Publishers & Libraries

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Access & Discovery

• There should be no limits and no additional costs related to the number of times an e-book can be accessed over time.
• Content should be downloadable and accessible on multiple, standard-use platforms and devices.
• No patron data should be used or shared if it allows for the identification of an individual without the individual’s permission.
• An option for allowing unlimited simultaneous users, for short-term or long-term periods of time, should be offered at fair prices.
• Accompanying metadata should be allowable in library systems and discovery layers.
• Meet ADA accessibility requirements, including allowing the use of text-to-speech engines.
Ownership

• Libraries should be able to control the parameters of circulation functions: loan periods, renewals, recalls, etc. This includes libraries limiting access to a single user at a time if the content is not authorized for multi-simultaneous users.

• There should be options for archival and perpetual access. This could be accomplished by license agreements, facilitated through a 3rd party, or by selling content outright to libraries.

• Libraries should have the option to purchase titles individually, separate from a bundled package.
Sharing

• Libraries must be able to lend the entire contents of ebooks to other libraries in a manner that is not cumbersome to our operations and patrons.

• Sharing?: Electronic transfer of content between libraries should be permitted to facilitate efficiencies and minimization of paper usage.

• Copy, paste, and print functionality should be available.
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