

Controlled Digital Lending: A Public Library Perspective

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Why CDL matters



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Trade eBook Licensing

Starting in June-July 2019

- Hachette perpetual license to two-year
- Simon & Schuster perpetual license to two year, per-circ pricing
- Blackstone audio 90 day embargo
- Macmillan as of Nov. 1 2019 allowed one license in first 8 weeks

COVID changes

- Discounts on pricing
- Macmillan lifted embargo on first 8 weeks



Why CDL Matters

- High cost = reduced breadth of collection
- Timed/metered licenses = reduced preservation
- Exclusivity & embargoes = lack of equity



CDL in Public Libraries



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CDL in Public Libraries

- Hamilton Public Library (matched 54,000 print books with digital)
- Milton Public Library (matched 8,000 books with digital)



Legal Opinion

- Public domain materials (include)
- Current copyrighted material (exclude)
- Old copyrighted material (consider)



Hamilton Public Library

- Open Library participation
- Children's book collection
- Older than 20 years or public domain

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CFLA Committee Activities

- White paper
- Risk framework
- Case studies

