



## Library Opportunities from Google's agreement with Authors and Publishers

The Authors Guild, the Association of American Publishers (AAP), and Google have announced a groundbreaking settlement agreement on behalf of a broad class of authors and publishers that would expand online access to millions of in-copyright books and other written materials in the U.S. from the collections of a number of prominent libraries. This agreement would not have been possible without the work of libraries that have preserved and maintained books for years and have partnered with Google to make so many of them discoverable online. Libraries at the Universities of California, Michigan, and Wisconsin-Madison, and Stanford University have provided input into the settlement, and are currently negotiating amendments to their current contracts to enable them to participate. The agreement encourages additional libraries in the U.S. to participate as well.

In addition to its commercial benefits, this agreement will also provide a wealth of new opportunities for libraries, academics, researchers, and the general public including:

- Expanded access to millions of in-copyright books: Librarians have been providing access to books for thousands of years. Over time they have increased the size of their collections and broadened their reach into the community. This agreement dramatically expands the reach of every library partner by enabling readers across the U.S. to preview millions of in-copyright out-of-print books preserved in their collections. Readers will be able to search these books through Google Book Search, and where previously they have only been able to view bibliographic information and a few snippets of text from the book, they will be able to view a limited preview (up to 20%) of the book to find out if it suits their needs. Then readers will be able to click through to a list of libraries which hold that book, to online bookstores (which carry used books) or to purchase instant online access to the rest of the book so that they may read the book in its entirety.
- Free online viewing of books at U.S. public and university libraries: In most communities, your local library is one of your primary access points to information. Through this agreement, public libraries, community colleges, and universities across the U.S. will be able to provide free full-text reading to books housed in great libraries of the world like Stanford, California, Wisconsin-Madison and Michigan. A newly-created Public Access Service license will allow viewing of millions of out-of-print books to readers who visit library facilities. Public libraries will be eligible to receive one free Public Access Service license for a computer located on-site at each of their library buildings in the United States. Non-profit, higher education institutions will be eligible to receive free Public Access Service licenses for on-site computers, the exact number of which will depend on the number of students enrolled. If these libraries offer printing, they may do so for a per page fee. As an additional commitment to the library and research community, Google will pay for the rightsholder fees associated with these printing costs for the first 5 years of this project or up to \$3 million, whichever comes first.
- Institutional subscriptions to millions of additional books: Imagine never having to ask a patron to wait until a book is returned or arrives through inter-library loan. Beyond the free license, libraries will also be able to purchase an institutional subscription to millions of books covered by the settlement agreement. Once purchased, this subscription will allow a library to offer its patrons access to the incredible collections of Google's library partners from any computer authorized by the library. In addition, for our Library Partners that contributed books to the project, Google will either pay for a discount to the subscription based upon the number of books they contribute, or provide a free subscription for their institution that contains the books scanned from their library that are included in the full institutional subscription offering.

- **Services for People with Print Disabilities:** One of the advantages digitization presents is the opportunity to enable greater accessibility to books. Google is committed to extending all of the services available under the agreement to the visually impaired and print disability community, making it easier for them to access these books through screen enlargement, reader, and Braille display technologies.
- **New Research Opportunities with the Creation a Research Corpus:** The vast database of books that Google is digitizing is not just a resource for readers, but also a one-of-a-kind research tool. The agreement allows for the creation of two research centers that will include a copy of almost all of the books digitized by Google. These research centers will enable people to conduct research that utilizes computers to process or analyze the text of the books. The research centers will be operated by Google's partner libraries, which will allow their researchers and guests access to the center. Google has committed \$5 million to fund the creation of these research centers. Examples of the types of research they will facilitate include automatic translation, analysis of how language has evolved over time, next generation search technology, image processing research and others.

As a reminder, these opportunities will become available once the court approves the settlement agreement.

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