

Changes to Macmillan Publishing terms for library purchases of e-books

Macmillan Publishing, one of the nation's largest publishers, has changed its terms for library purchases of new e-books. Effective November 1st, each library system or library cooperative will be permitted to buy a single copy of newly released Macmillan e-books. Libraries will not be able to buy additional digital copies of Macmillan titles until eight weeks after release.

Overdrive books are purchased through the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC) and there will be one copy of new Macmillan titles to be shared by all PPLC member libraries via Overdrive. An additional copy of e-books may be available for St. Petersburg Library System cardholders on the Cloud Library platform. With only one or two copies available for the first two months, there will be longer wait times for Macmillan e-books.

Macmillan also has many divisions that publish under their own imprints including St. Martin's Press, Henry Holt and Company, Minotaur, Tor, Forge and others. These are all affected by the new terms.

For more information about why Macmillan has made this change, please visit:

<https://www.infodocket.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/John-Sargent-Letter-Changes-to-Library-Lending-Terms.pdf>.

For the American Library Association's response to this change, please visit:

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2019/09/ala-launches-national-campaign-against-e-book-embargo>.