

WESTCHESTER LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES ENDORSES REVERSAL OF MACMILLAN eBook EMBARGO

In July, Macmillan Publishing announced it would limit eBook lending for United States libraries. Under its new licensing model, which began November 1st, a library may purchase one copy upon release of a new title in eBook format, after which the publisher will impose an 8-week embargo on additional copies of that title sold to libraries. Macmillan is the only major publisher restricting public libraries' ability to purchase and lend digital content to their communities.

The Westchester Library System (WLS) Board of Trustees endorses reversal of this embargo and supports the efforts initiated by [American Library Association \(ALA\)](#), [New York Library Association \(NYLA\)](#), and the Public Library Directors Association of Westchester that also call for the reversal of Macmillan's embargo in affirmation of the following:

- All published works must be made equally available to libraries to purchase and lend to library users without restrictive licensing terms and abusive pricing
- Access to and use of eBooks must equitably balance the rights and privileges of readers, authors and publishers
- Digital content must be accessible to all people, regardless of physical or reading disability, on the device of their choosing

Approved unanimously by the WLS Board of Trustees at their meeting on November 26, 2019.