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Did you know that libraries, including public libraries, are not able to lend ebooks in the same way as printed books?

Over 85% of published e-books are not available to borrow from public libraries in the UK, often because publishers refuse to supply them. Public libraries provide everyone with the opportunity to read, and access information and knowledge. As the way we read changes, so must the way libraries lend books.

I understand that the reason for this difference is the way ebooks are currently treated within European copyright law. As the EU Commission has announced its intention to review existing copyright law this year, **I hope you will support the necessary changes in that law to ensure that libraries, including public libraries, have a statutory right to purchase and lend ebooks.**

In the digital age we need our libraries more than ever, supporting literacy, promoting reading and learning, encouraging creativity and innovation, and underpinning democracy. Please help ensure that they are able to carry out their work effectively.

Kind regards,