

Big 5 Publishers (U.S. divisions) Access Models for Public Libraries (as of July 2023)

Publisher	Ebook		Audiobook	
	Purchase Model(s)	Lending Model	Purchase Model(s)	Lending Model
Hachette Book Group	Metered Access: Two-year term.	One-Copy/ One-User	Metered Access: Two-year term.	One-Copy/ One-User
HarperCollins	<p>Metered Access: 26 circulations per purchase.</p> <p>AND <i>(therefore, some titles have multiple options)</i></p> <p>Cost-per-Circ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each circulation is paid for separately by the library. Select catalog <p>OverDrive MAX (<i>pilot Apr – Oct 2023</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bundle of 100 circulations Circulation can be concurrent Select catalog <p>Curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports Class Set sales with individual student assignment of titles. 	One-Copy/ One-User	<p>Standard purchase, no term or circulation limits.</p> <p>AND <i>(therefore, some titles have multiple options)</i></p> <p>Cost-per-Circ</p> <p>0 Each circulation is paid for separately by the library</p> <p>1 Select catalog, generally backlist</p>	One-Copy/ One-User
Macmillan	<p>Metered Access: Two-year term.</p> <p>Curriculum</p>	One-Copy/ One-User	Standard purchase, no term or circulation limits.	One-Copy/ One-User

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Penguin Random House	<p>Metered Access: Two-year term.</p> <p>Also supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metered Access: One-year term. • Cost-per-Circ <p>Curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Class Set sales with individual student assignment of titles. 	One-Copy/ One-User	<p>Standard purchase, no term or circulation limits.</p> <p>Also supporting:</p> <p>0 Metered Access: One-year term.</p> <p>1 Cost-per-Circ</p>	One-Copy/ One-User
Simon & Schuster	<p>Metered Access: Two-year term.</p> <p>AND <i>(therefore, some titles have multiple options)</i></p> <p>Cost-per-Circ</p> <p>1 Each circulation is paid for separately by the library.</p> <p>2 Select catalog, generally backlist.</p> <p>Curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Class Set sales with individual student assignment of titles. 	One-Copy/ One-User	<p>Metered Access: Two-year term.</p> <p>AND <i>(therefore, some titles have multiple options)</i></p> <p>Cost-per-Circ</p> <p>1 Each circulation is paid for separately by the library.</p> <p>2 Select catalog, generally backlist.</p>	One-Copy/ One-User

In addition to the models noted above:

0 Under the One-Copy/One-User lending model, circulation is limited to one patron at a time for each unit of a title the library has purchased.

1 HarperCollins, Macmillan, Hachette and Penguin Random House also support special sales to libraries who have selected their titles for book clubs and community reading initiatives.

Library & School Access Models for ebooks and audiobooks (as of July 2023)

Model	Description	Expiration	Examples
One-Copy/One-User (OCOU)	Libraries or schools purchase one unit at a time to serve one patron or student at a time (like physical loan)	None	More than 3 million titles from thousands of publishers
Metered Access OCOU	Same as OCOU with term limits	Title must be repurchased after "term limit" based on time (e.g., 24 months) or checkouts (e.g., 52)	See table below
Class Set	EDU & Academic – access limited by single assignment and time limit (typically 90 days)	Varies, typically 90 days	Thousands of titles key to learning success in K12 and College/University. Includes catalogs from Penguin Random House, HarperCollins, Hachette, Macmillan, Simon & Schuster, Lerner, Rosen, Blackstone, Scholastic, Capstone, RBmedia
On Demand Models			
Metered Access Concurrent Use (MACU) (a.k.a. OverDrive Max)	Bundles of loans (often 100) that can be used concurrently	None	RBmedia Media Lerner publishing Audiobooks Dreamscape Media (Independent Publishers Group) Planeta Open Road Blackstone IPG Springer
Simultaneous Use	Concurrent use for single title or collection for specific period (typically 1 year)	Varies, typically 1 year for title collections and 1 or more months for single titles	All Access Comics Magazines ^[SEP] Blackstone Audiobooks Lerner Publishing Britannica Digital Learning getAbstract IPG Media ^[SEP] Lonely Planet OverDrive Open Road

Cost-per-checkout	Library or school incurs a charge for every loan. Limited to one patron at a time	None	Penguin Random House Simon & Schuster Life Chronicle Books Sourcebooks W.W. Norton	HarperCollin Kobo Writing Kensington Harlequin
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