



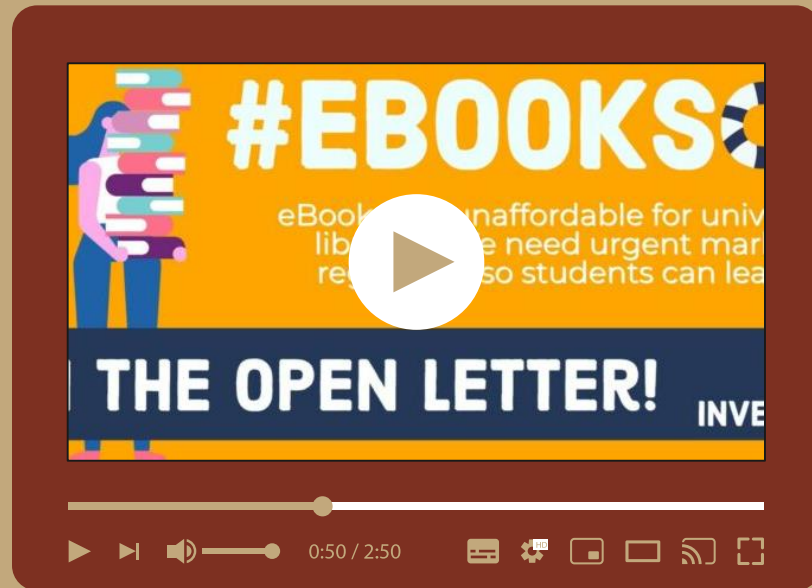
# eBooks, #ebookSOS and Librarian Activism

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# #EBOOKSOS

Launched in summer 2020 in  
response to urgent need for  
digital resources during  
lockdown



# ISSUES: SALES

## HIGH PRICES

Often x10-100  
more than print



## UNAVAILABILITY

Many texts  
unavailable for  
library purchase



## BUNDLING

Titles often only  
available as part  
of larger package



## IMPERMANENCE

Titles frequently  
removed from  
sale or  
withdrawn from  
packages

# ISSUES: TECHNOLOGY

## ACCESSIBILITY

Built-in  
accessibility  
features often  
inadequate



## PLATFORMS

Many publishers  
use own bespoke  
platforms



## DRM

Restricts what  
users can do  
(copy/download/  
search)

# ISSUES: COPYRIGHT

## LICENSING SCHEMES

Not all publishers participate

## LICENSES

Limited and restrictive licences



## LEGISLATION

Copyright exceptions limited



## TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION

Student support crosses borders

# UNEVEN BALANCE?

Rights holders v. users and the  
public interest





# PUSHING FOR CHANGE



01

# INTERVENTION

Education Select Committee

Competition and Markets Authority





02

# AWARENESS

Staff and student awareness

Presentations, publications etc

#ebookSOS video



03

# COPYRIGHT REFORM

Fair dealing v. fair use

Ownership v. lease



04

## CRITICAL COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Collection development policies



# 05

## SECTOR UNITY

eBook Stakeholder Working Group

Joint position statement

International support



# 06 ALTERNATIVES

Open Access

Controlled Digital Lending



# A GLOBAL ISSUE

ebookSOS newsletter has  
subscribers from 15 countries

IFLA report to WIPO surveyed  
114 libraries and interviewed  
28 librarians from 29  
countries

Library Futures International  
Statement of Solidarity





# POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS?

## INVESTIGATION

Market  
investigation

## CRITICAL COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Where does our  
money go?

## OPEN ACCESS

More investment in  
Open Access texts

## CDL

Controlled digital  
lending

## LEGISLATION

Copyright reform, library  
sales provisions



# GETTING IN TOUCH



1

**CAMPAIGN  
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