

## Great River Regional Library



# Feeding the Beast – Managing Digital Collections and Exploring Your Options

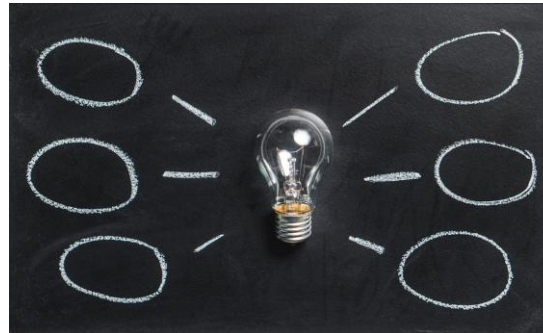
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# What to Expect

- Exploring different digital collections
- Managing priorities when developing a digital collection
- Using tools to assess the digital collection once built
- Sharing strategies amongst different libraries

**An openness to share and discuss will be essential**



**There is no one magic solution, however, together, we can create something more sustainable**

# What are your options?



CloudLibrary

- Consortium



TumbleBooks  
e-books for e-kids

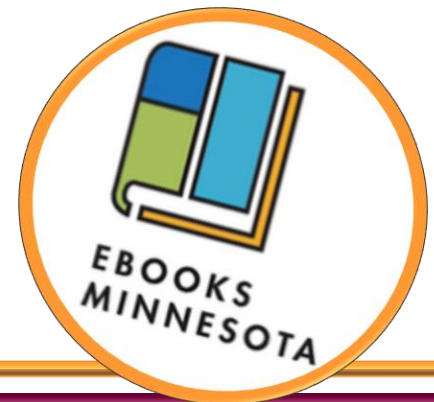


The  
Palace  
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# What are your priorities?

- Holds ratio
- Meet requests – notify me, deep search
- Diverse collection
- Offer relevant content

**Balance between these**



# What can you do?

- Strengthen policies
- Shift expectations
- Spotlight collection
- Weed

## Reports Dashboard

### Financial Reports

- [Budget Planning](#)
- [Instant Budget Summary](#)
- [Budget Cap Blocks](#)
- [Invoices / Statements](#)



INSIGHTS

ADMIN ▾

CURATE ▾

CAMPAIGNS

NEWS

BILLING ▾

SUPPORT

Standard curation

Lucky Day

Organize published lists

**Starting February 1st, 2026:** you can be checked out at one time and 10 items on [hold](#). Holds will not be removed once the change is made, but it will affect users the hold limit by not allowing new holds to be placed until their holds are under 10.

Digital content is expensive for libraries to purchase. Costs per copy can range from \$100 for an eAudiobook to an eBook that costs \$50 per 26 checkouts. We appreciate your patience as we fulfill holds. *If you finish a digital book before its due date, **returning it early** will help shorten the wait time and allow the library to purchase more material.*

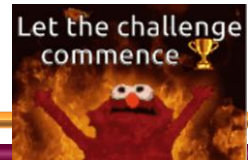
# Stronger Together



## Share your story

- What collections are your library is using?
  - How does your library use Ebooks MN?
  - Are you part of a consortium?
- Successes? Difficulties?

**Trade contact information**



# Recommended Resources



MINNESOTA LIBRARY  
ASSOCIATION

- **Virtual Training & Presentations**

- Ebookin' on a Budget (Overdrive)
- The Digital Shelf: Sustainable Ebooks (lyrasislearning)
- E-Obsessed: Manage Resources, Expectations, and Demand for Libby Lovers (presented at MLA & PLA)



professional  
development  
alliance  
of library consortia

- **[Minnesota Library Association](#)**

- [mln](#) - Minnesota Libraries Learning Network
- [Minitex](#) - shares trainings from the Professional Development Alliance



- **[Digital Lending Toolkit](#)** – mostly pertain to academic libraries

- [Digital Lending Summit](#) had great discussion on digital lending practices in libraries





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**See you at the library!**

