Libraries, Publishing, and E-books Workshop

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Questions for Discussion

1. How has the growth in e-books changed the work that you do or the work of your department?

2. The article mentions academic libraries seeking to “set the agenda” when it comes to e-book pricing. What types of skills or knowledge would this require?

3. The phrase “ecosystem of sharing” is used in the article to describe a philosophy of library consortia. How could evolving e-book purchasing models help to reinforce this system based on sharing?