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NEWS

**SIMON & SCHUSTER EXPANDS
LIBRARY EBOOK LENDING PROGRAM
TO UNIVERSAL ACCESS**

**Complete List of Ebook Titles Now Available
to Public Libraries Nationwide**

**Innovative Business Model Offers Patrons “Buy It Now” Option to
Directly Purchase eBooks and Support their Local Library**

NEW YORK, June 26—Simon & Schuster announced today that, following a successful pilot program in more than twenty library systems, it was moving to expand access to its catalog of ebooks to libraries nationwide. Effective immediately, public libraries across the United States can acquire for their collections ebook editions of such beloved classic favorites and current bestsellers as *The Great Gatsby*, *Steve Jobs*, *Doctor Sleep*, *Hard Choices*, *The Flamethrowers*, *The Light Between Oceans*, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* and the Mortal Instruments and Dork Diaries series.

As in the Simon & Schuster pilot program, each title acquired by a library for lending is usable for one year from the date of purchase. The library can offer an unlimited number of checkouts during the one-year term for which it has purchased a copy, although each copy may only be checked out by one user at a time. All of Simon & Schuster’s frontlist and backlist titles that are available as ebooks are eligible for the program, with new titles being made available simultaneous with their publication.

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In order to help support libraries, and for the convenience of patrons who might not want to wait until a popular new title is available, Simon & Schuster's ebook program includes a "Buy It Now" capability, which gives the patron the option to purchase a copy of Simon & Schuster eBooks through a library's online portal, with a portion of the proceeds from each sale going to the library.

"In the year since we first started our pilot, we have been delighted with the response from the participating libraries, and we believe the time is right to make our ebooks available to all libraries," said Carolyn Reidy, President and Chief Executive Officer of Simon & Schuster. "Although the library market for ebooks is still evolving, we are pleased to now offer ebooks to libraries on a universal basis, providing their patrons the content they desire in increasingly popular digital formats, and helping libraries to continue serving their communities as they have so well for so many years.

"In coming to this decision, we have had invaluable dialogue and feedback from many individual librarians and the leadership of the American Library Association," Reidy continued. "We offer our thanks, and look forward to many more years of productive discussion on issues of mutual interest."

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