

Google willing to share digital books with rivals

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(AP) -- Google will let other online companies sell its digital copies of out-of-print books if a class-action settlement with U.S. authors and publishers wins court approval.

The company announced that concession Thursday after mounting opposition to Google's 10-month-old settlement. Among other things, opponents of the deal argue it would give Google a digital monopoly on millions of books that are no longer being published.

Google now says it will give Amazon.com and other rivals to its [digital library](#) of out-of-print books. The other merchants would then be allowed to keep most of the revenue from the sales.

[Google](#) announced the change shortly after the head of the U.S. Copyright Office advised a congressional committee that parts of the settlement violate federal law.

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