

# Deadline in Google book deal extended to Friday

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FILE - In this March 21, 2008 file photo, a scanner passes over a book at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich., where one of hundreds of librarians from all over the world was helping Google Inc.'s Book Search create digital versions of all the estimated 50 million to 100 million books in the world. Google Inc. and the publishers suing the company have until the end of Monday, Nov. 9, 2009 to come up with a new settlement over the ambitious book-scanning project. (AP Photo/Carlos Osorio, file)

(AP) -- Google says it needs until Friday to come up with a new proposal that would give it the digital rights to millions of out-of-print books.

The new timetable approved Monday by a federal judge is the latest twist in a 4-year-old copyright lawsuit over Google's ambitious book-scanning project.

Google thought it had settled the dispute with U.S. authors and publishers more than a year ago. But the agreement still hasn't won court approval because of concerns that the deal would give Google too much control over the digital book market.

When U.S. antitrust regulators raised objections to the agreement in September, Google decided to redo the deal. The revisions were supposed to be filed by the end of Monday - before Google received the extension.

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