

Penguin reverses course for now on Kindle lending

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One of the country's largest publishers, Penguin Group (USA), is temporarily restoring libraries' ability to loan their e-books for Amazon.com's Kindle - but only through the end of the year.

The publisher backtracked Wednesday after saying it was informed by Amazon.com Inc. that the [online retailer](#) wasn't aware of Penguin's agreement with Overdrive, a leading supplier of e-books to libraries.

Penguin had [suspended making new e-books available](#) to libraries and said it won't allow libraries to loan any e-books for the Kindle due to unspecified [security concerns](#).

Amazon allows its Prime express shipping users to read an e-book a month for free from a selection of titles. Though major publishers don't participate, they discovered their books were still being included, a policy denounced as illegal by the [Authors Guild](#).

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