

Chronology of E-Book Related Events

April 2010	TPL starts working on a vision statement for access to downloadable content for discussion with CULC; statement is adopted by CULC at its October 2010 meeting.
May 2010	OverDrive releases its report directed at publishers, <i>How eBook Catalogs at Public Libraries Drive Publishers' Books Sales and Profits</i> .
Fall 2010	TPL starts a series of meetings arranged by CULC with Executive Directors of the Canadian Publishers' Council (CPC), Association of Canadian Publishers (ACP), some CEOs of the large multinational publishers in Canada.
October 2010	TPL participates in CULC's newly established e-content task group to investigate ways to improve access to e-books.
February 2011	OverDrive announces at the OLA Conference that e-books from Random House Canada, McClelland & Stewart, Tundra Books are going to be available to public libraries for the 1 st time in Canada. Other smaller publishers such as Orca are announced as being available soon as well.
February 2011	At the OLA Conference, TPL presents with Hamilton Public Library an overview of CULC's efforts with publishers and encourages other libraries to become engaged in the effort to make e-books more available to public libraries.
March 2011	House of Anansi, Groundwood Books, Dundurn Press, Doulgas & McIntyre and other Canadian publishers are available on OverDrive.
March 2011	HarperCollins announces that library e-book circulation will be capped to 26 uses; <i>Toronto Star</i> publishes an editorial on March 21, 2011 "Shelve the Cap on E-books".
March 2011	CULC releases its <i>Statement on eBook Pricing Models</i> in response to HarperCollins.
August 2011	CULC releases its report, <i>Expanding eBooks: Purchasing and Lending at Canadian Public Libraries</i> .
August 2011	More meetings with CPC, ACP and eBound to discuss options for moving forward, including a made-in-Canada platform.
November 2011	Penguin stops selling new e-books to OverDrive.
February 2012	Penguin announces backlist e-books will be discontinued as well; terminates contract with OverDrive.
February 2012	At the OLA Conference, TPL presents with Hamilton and Vancouver Public Library about CULC's efforts to advocate for more e-book content. Presentation on these issues was also made at the ACP AGM.
March 2012	Random House announces 300% price increase for e-books available to public libraries through distributors such as OverDrive.
March 2012	CULC/eBound start process for the development of made-in-Canada solution for e-books.
June 2012	CULC/eBound issue joint RFI to gather vendor information for developing a platform.
June 2012	CULC issues media release announcing participation in ReadersFirst initiative, a coalition of 220 libraries across North America; <i>Library Journal</i> provides coverage and mentions CULC's RFI in June 5, 2012 article.
October 2012	Hachette announces 100-200% price increase for its backlist e-books available to public libraries through distributors such as OverDrive.
Fall 2012	Building on the RFI, CULC/eBound develop RFP for release in 1 st quarter 2013.
December 2012	HarperCollins Canada makes its e-books available through OverDrive for the 1 st time in Canada.
January 2013	Macmillan announces it is entering into a pilot project with OverDrive to make its backlist e-books available based on a one-copy/one-user lending model; libraries will be able to circulate each copy for 24 months or 52 circulations, whichever comes first.