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- Why e-book lending?
- Licensing ILL lending rights
- How we fulfill ILL requests with e-books
- Some challenges that persist
- Next steps



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- ILL service disruptions
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 - Building electronic collection while securing broad user rights and local load rights with publishers

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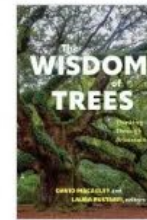
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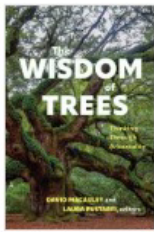
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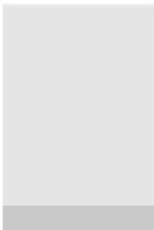
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- Downloading a full PDF on some vendor platforms
- Transmitting large file sizes
- Negotiating more licenses and addressing vendor concerns

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