

<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2022/09/06/librarians-and-lawmakers-push-for-greater-access-to-e-books>.

In an earlier article the ALA gives the example of “The Codebreakers”, a New York Times best seller offered to consumers in e-book format for \$59.99, while a library must pay \$239.99 for a time-limited right to loan the e-book. See, article by Gabrielle Emanuel, January 6, 2020, <https://www.wgbh.org/news/local-news/2020/01/06/inside-the-e-book-war-waging-between-libraries-and-publishers>

SB 35 would have a moderate to significant positive fiscal impact on public libraries.

The Boone County Public Library estimates its average cost to purchase e-literature products at \$62.99 per item. At that cost, based on its budget, the Boone County Public Library states it can purchase 2,900 items per year to loan to its patrons. At the lower consumer price of \$12.99 per title and based on its budget, the library could purchase more than 12,000 items. Such a difference reflects a significant financial savings to publicly supported libraries.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

Part II addresses SB 35 as introduced. There is no earlier version for comparison.

Data Source(s): Kentucky Library Association Advocacy Committee; Boone County Public Library; PEW Trust; American Library Association

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