RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAIR ACCESS TO DIGITAL CONTENT

WHEREAS Pioneer Library System’s public libraries have a duty to ensure access to information for all, and

WHEREAS publishers are increasingly imposing restrictions on library purchases of new and popular materials in digital formats, and

WHEREAS libraries are typically required to pay exponentially higher prices for copies of books in digital formats than consumers, and

WHEREAS these barriers are an impediment to the freedom to read, particularly for those who are most dependent on libraries, as well as a challenge to our long-held commitment to equity of access,

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Pioneer Library System:

1. Supports all digital content being made equally available to libraries without moratorium or embargo and at fair prices
2. Supports PLS and member libraries raising public awareness of these issues
3. Supports PLS and member libraries taking active steps to reduce the efficacy of publisher practices that are harmful to libraries and readers

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