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Milton Public Library is committed to providing access to all kinds of books, ideas, information and resources. Our goal is to connect you with titles you want to read – whether it's in print, eBook or audiobook format. Recently, Macmillan Publishing, one of the large multinational publishers, announced a business change that will have a direct impact on your ability to access popular eBooks, and I want to share information about this change with you.

Effective Friday, 1st November, all public libraries regardless of size, will only be able to buy one copy of any new Macmillan eBook release, and will have to wait eight weeks before they can buy additional copies. This means much longer wait times for eBooks from authors you love, such as Nora Roberts, Jeffrey Archer, Liane Moriarty and many more.

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