

The Bookshelf



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The Bookshelf – a Norwegian solution

- Part of the National Library's digital strategies
- Up to 250,000 copyright protected books (currently 219,000)
- Made available under the Extended Collective License (ECL)
- All books published in Norway before 2001
- Both Out-of-Commerce and In-Commerce books
- Rightsholders may withdraw any book at any time
- Norwegian IP addresses only

Background

- Initiative by Ministry of Culture
- Working group November 2008: Ministry of Culture, National Library and Kopinor
- Negotiations in 2009
- Agreement between NL and Kopinor April 2009
- Everything included, everything paid for (ECL)
- Project launched May 2009
- New negotiations, permanent solution from 2012

LICENSING – the solution, not the problem

- Rightsholders responding to users' needs
- Made possible by existing law (ECL) and willingness to negotiate
- Focusing on what is possible
- National, well-working solution
- Nordic access under existing law – from 2018?