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**EBOOK
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Fortunately, we are part of an eBook consortium of 24 libraries, so our patrons have access to many more eBooks than we could purchase on our own.

How does the library decide which eBooks to purchase?

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Why can't the library purchase more copies of eBooks?

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