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## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

### ACCESS TO EBOOKS

**Whereas**, reading is fundamental to a democratic society, and an educated and informed population, and is a basic human right: and

**Whereas**, some publishers of electronic books are limiting libraries in Connecticut from the timely purchasing of electronic books, and at normal costs: and

**Whereas**, some publishers are excluding library access to electronic books, which such publishers otherwise have made available to the general public: and

**Whereas**, such publishers are thereby denying Connecticut's citizens the ability to access electronic books through their local public libraries;

**Therefore**, the Members of the Connecticut State Library Board support legislation that allows access by all Connecticut citizens to E-Books through Connecticut's Public Libraries.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John N. Barry".

John N. Barry  
Chairman

4/8/2013  
Date