

Tell the BPL: Unlock Our Library!



The Problem

The Boston Public Library has imposed Digital Restrictions Management (DRM) on its ebooks, audio books, music, and videos. DRM is a computer software system that restricts how and when you can use digital library materials.

Why it's a problem

1. DRM puts the future of the BPL collection in the hands of corporations.
2. DRM can close and lock the book while you are reading it, or stop you from showing it to someone else.
3. DRM requires you to install corporate spyware on your computer.

What you can do

Demand that the BPL oust all DRM technology from the library, and establish a policy for the new president to abide by—a policy that respects its heritage and its patrons. You can contact them by writing to: The Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston St., Boston MA 02116, or calling 617-536-5400.

Final word

The real motive behind DRM technology schemes is to increase profits for those who impose them. Their profit is a side issue when our freedoms to read and learn are at stake. Desire for profit, though not wrong in itself, cannot justify denying the public control over its technology and its libraries. Defending freedom means thwarting DRM. Join us in demanding that the BPL Trust and libraries worldwide eliminate DRM from their collections.

For more information visit DefectiveByDesign.org.