Book banning
Since 1999, support for the idea of banning “books with dangerous ideas” from public school libraries has declined from 55 percent to 46 percent and has now fallen to the lowest level of support of the past 20 years.


UK book market
The United Kingdom book market grew by 2.6 percent in 2006 to reach a value of $4.3 billion. In 2011, the market is forecast to have a value of $4.8 billion, an increase of 11.9 percent since 2006. Sales of general trade and consumer titles accounts for 67.5 percent of the United Kingdom market’s value.


Books and translations
Approximately 1.5 million books were published worldwide last year. About 30 percent of them were in English. There are more than 6,900 languages spoken on Earth. In 2005, 3.54 percent of new adult fiction books published in the United States were translations. In 2005, Chinese publishers bought 3,932 American titles. In that same year, American publishers bought 16 Chinese titles.


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Digital preservation
In many cases, digital materials are considered more fragile than physical ones. Machines and software used to read digital files can break or become obsolete. The files themselves must be continually managed, and their longevity and costs are unpredictable. For example, the average life of a Web site is between 44 and 100 days. Items at risk include e-mail, computer files, storage media, digital photographs, e-books, and e-journals. Some options and considerations include saving data in a variety of open, widely available formats; saving multiple copies to a variety of media and keeping them in different locations; transferring or migrating data to new formats and media as they become available; and printing documents with high-quality ink and paper.


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