ABSTRACTS

In December, 2004, Google announced that it had concluded partnership agreements with several research libraries to start scanning their collections. Under the Library Project, Google scanned materials provided by those research libraries into its search database. Because Google's scanning included the materials protected by copyright, the Author Guild and publishers brought suits against Google. On Oct. 28, 2008, the parties to the litigation announced that they had reached a settlement which paved the way for hotly debated controversies. On Nov. 13, 2009, the parties amended their settlement which is now under the court hearing. While the settlement's solves many issues faced by Google, it causes many other issues. In particular, from the perspective of libraries, it may compromise intellectual freedom and infringe privacy and it would place the control of digital libraries under Google. It would also set the price of the Institutional Subscription at a profit maximizing point beyond the reach of many research libraries. This paper examines the Google Book Search and the issues on the settlement from the perspective of libraries. Finally it suggests that in realizing digital libraries Korea take into consideration those issues and need to fix the problem.

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