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LIBRARY COPYRIGHT ALLIANCE: COPYRIGHT STILL A BARRIER TO MASS DIGITIZATION

WASHINGTON, DC – The Library Copyright Alliance (LCA) – comprised of the American Library Association (ALA), the Association for College & Research Libraries (ACRL) and the Association for Research Libraries (ARL) – made the following statement concerning the recent decision by Judge Chin in the proposed settlement of the Google Books lawsuit:

“The decision makes clear that copyright law continues to present significant barriers to libraries and other partners interested in engaging in mass digitization initiatives. Such initiatives provide broad, deep and important public access to cultural and historical resources to users throughout the world. The library community has always supported—and worked long and hard for—constructive and practical orphan works legislation that would benefit all stakeholders.”

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