E-BOOK LENDING
CZECH REPUBLIC

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PLATEFORMS USED BY PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR E-LENDING

• Palmknihy – more than 15 000 e-books

• Flexibooks – about 6 000 e-books
• Overall offer is about 32 000 e-books for e-lending
  • last year – 22 000 e-books
• Other platforms (used mostly by academic or research libraries)
  • Bookport (9 000 e-books)
  • EBSCO eBooks (1000 e-books)
  • ePubli (700 e-books)
E-book lending is done through public libraries only

- 15,000 e-books, 250 publishers
- 292 of Czech libraries provide e-lending through this platform
- E-lending is integrated into the library system
- Libraries pay EUR 2 (49 CZK) for one e-loan
- Limit of 3 e-loans per month/user; cost per circulation/simultaneous use
E-LENDING OF AUDIOBOOKS (PALMKNIHY)

- Started in 2023
- Offer of 500 audiobooks
- Same price as e-books (for library)
NUMBER OF E-LOANS

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SURVEY OF READERSHIP IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC 2023

84% 78% 73%

2013 2018 2023

readers

32% 28% 28%

public library user

18% 31%

e-book reader

14% 37%

audiobook listeners

most audiobooks listeners are 35-54 y.o.

9% use e-loans from public library
CHALLENGES

• The offer of e-books
  • limited, although the offer is gradually expanding
• Publishers
  • unwillingness of authors and publishers to provide e-books for e-lending services
THANK YOU!