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## **BIBLIOTHÈQUE NATIONALE DE FRANCE (BnF) TO MAKE THOUSANDS OF TITLES AVAILABLE ON THE ESPRESSO BOOK MACHINE® NETWORK**

**September 27, 2011 (PARIS, FRANCE, and NEW YORK, NY)** – The Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF) and On Demand Books, the company behind the Espresso Book Machine® (EBM), have signed an agreement that will make thousands of French-language titles available on the worldwide EBM network. These titles, which are public domain and available online through the BnF’s Gallica digital library, include masterworks from writers such as Balzac, Dumas, Flaubert, Hugo, Moliere, Montaigne, Pascal, Proust, Rabelais, Stendhal, Voltaire, Zola, and thousands of others.

Essentially an ATM for books, the patented EBM and its EspressoNet® software system links to a vast network of content, enabling the instant distribution of books, on demand, at point of sale. With the push of a button, the technology prints, binds, and trims a quality paperback book, in any language, with a full-color cover, in minutes. It is an environmentally friendly technology since it eliminates shipping, returns, and the pulping of unwanted books.

“This is the latest big hit for the EBM network,” says Dane Neller, the CEO of On Demand Books. “The BnF’s Gallica digital library is a superb resource and fits well with our point-of-sale technology. Through the EBM network, the BnF is better able to spread access to French culture and reach readers around the world. And as our installations multiply in Europe, Canada, and worldwide—and in universities with French-language departments—we see a growing need to offer the great works of French literature. There is no better start than the national library of France.”

### **About the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF)**

The Bibliothèque nationale de France is the keeper of five centuries of cultural heritage. The BnF collects, catalogs, preserves and enriches this national heritage via legal deposit and acquisitions, in particular the French language and the French civilization heritage, in all fields of knowledge. The BnF acquires all kinds of materials: books, manuscripts, engravings, photographs, maps, medals, coins, scores, audiovisuals and software. The BnF enhances the value its collections and makes them known, in particular by arranging exhibitions, conferences, and by publishing books. The BnF is also monitoring a national network of cooperation among libraries and runs an international collaborative and exchange policy. The BnF is developing

projects that extend its influence, such as the expansion of the Digital library Gallica and the mass digitization of its collections. For more information, visit the BnF Web site [www.bnf.fr](http://www.bnf.fr).

**About On Demand Books, LLC**

On Demand Books was cofounded in 2003 by Jason Epstein, former Editorial Director of Random House; Dane Neller, former CEO of Dean & DeLuca; and Thor Sigvaldason, former technology consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Espresso Book Machines have been placed in bookstores, libraries, universities, and other locations in the USA, Canada, the UK, the Middle East, Asia, Australia, and the Caribbean. In September 2010, On Demand Books and Xerox announced a partnership whereby Xerox will market, sell or lease, and service the Espresso Book Machine worldwide. Made in the USA, Espresso Book Machines are environmentally friendly green machines. For more information go to [www.ondemandbooks.com](http://www.ondemandbooks.com).

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