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Comment:

I am a college professor. Last spring I taught a course which turned out to be quite popular, and I agreed to teach two sections of it in summer school. It turned out that during spring we had bought the last available copies of the textbook -- a monograph of the British Museum republished in the US by Princeton U. Press. We were unable to obtain either more copies of the book or rights to reproduce it for the students.

This is not the first time I've had problems like this, but in the past it has been with shorter works rather than with a whole book.

I encourage the Copyright Office to develop mechanisms that allow access to intellectual property that is not currently being actively used for business profit.