eBooks in Libraries

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“Like” www.facebook.com/thebig6ebooks and become an active member by commenting, sharing and encouraging your patrons to do the same. The larger the number, the greater the impact.

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