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Richard Ekman ["The Books Google Could Open," op-ed, Aug. 22] argued that Google's Book Search project "has the potential to do a lot of good for higher education in this country." The project also could benefit citizens of all education levels in other nations, especially in developing countries.

For the past several years, I have been part of a group working to build the first public library in Rwanda, where few written materials are available. The library we will soon finish will hold a limited number of volumes, so the most efficient way for our patrons to gain access to additional literature will be through our library's computers.

If the copyright controversy can be settled, Americans, Rwandans and many others around the world will benefit greatly from Book Search.

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