If Microsoft Edge is asking you to sign in even when a document is set to "Anyone with the link" access, it could be due to a few reasons, including: cached browser data, incorrect sharing settings on the document, issues with your Microsoft account, or the need to clear cookies and cache on your browser; double-check that the sharing settings are correctly set to "Anyone with the link" and try clearing your browser cache to resolve the issue.

Potential causes:

* **Browser cache issues:**

Sometimes, outdated information stored in your browser cache can cause sign-in prompts even when you should have access.

* **Microsoft account issues:**

If your Microsoft account has issues or isn't properly linked, you might be prompted to sign in even when you should have access.

* **Incognito/Private browsing mode:**

If you're trying to access the document in a private browsing window, you might be asked to sign in because the browser doesn't store cookies or login information in this mode.

How to troubleshoot:

* **Check sharing settings:**
  + Go to the document sharing settings on the platform where you uploaded the file (like OneDrive or SharePoint).
  + Ensure that "Anyone with the link" is selected as the access level.
* **Clear browser cache and cookies:**
  + Open Microsoft Edge settings.
  + Navigate to "Privacy and services" or similar option.
  + Clear your browsing history, cache, and cookies.
* **Sign out and back in:**
  + Sign out of your Microsoft account in Edge.
  + Close and reopen the browser.
  + Sign back in with your account.
* **Try a different browser:**
  + Access the document using another web browser to see if the issue persists