

OverDrive Ad Hoc Committee

January 10, 2025 | 10:30 am-noon

Roll Call

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The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

Agenda:

1. Survey review

The Committee reviewed the results of the survey designed to help understand why some member libraries are still underspending on Overdrive and what information, training, and tools will be helpful to improve this situation.

Some observations of the results:

- Some libraries do not keep track of e-resource spending by vendor but as a whole so Overdrive spending may be difficult to track.
- The frequency of purchasing is not often enough.
- Additional training is needed to teach people how to order.
- Using wait time as an ordering metric may not be the most helpful. Helping the staff who order understand that ratios matter in patrons getting items more quickly.

Budget was also cited as a reason for underspending. Rebekkah once again stressed the importance of advocating for increases in library budgets due to increases for items, not just Overdrive. Libraries should ask for increases each year so their communities are accustomed to it.

There was a discussion about overall collection ordering and how the disparity between the cost of Overdrive items and print may cause confusion. Hoopla spending was also mentioned but, because the items purchased through Hoopla do not add to the collective collection, the money spent on those items should be considered separately from Overdrive spending.

The next Overdrive Ad Hoc Committee meeting will take place in May [date TBD] to give members time

to review the April spending report.

2. Final review: Guidelines for OverDrive Collections Developed with Advantage Plus Accounts

The Committee approves the Guidelines.

MOTION: Mary DeBellis made a motion, seconded by Carol Bancroft, to refer the Guidelines for Overdrive Collections Developed with Advantage Plus accounts to Resource Sharing for a final review.

All in favor; motion is passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Capozzella