

## OverDrive Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2025 | 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm |

Online Meeting - Zoom

### In Attendance:

<p><b>Columbia County</b> Matt Pavloff, Kinderhook Memorial Library Tamara Gaskell, Roeliff Jansen Community Library</p> <p><b>Dutchess County</b> Carol Fortier, Beekman Library Mary DeBellis, LaGrange Association Library Courtney Tsahalís, Millbrook Library Daniela Pulice, Pleasant Valley Library Tobi Farley, Tivoli Library</p> <p><b>Greene County</b> Jen Grounds, Heermance Memorial</p>	<p><b>Putnam County</b> Donna Perolli, Kent Public Library Michele Capozzella, Mahopac Library Stephanie Harrison, Patterson Library (Chair)</p> <p><b>Ulster County</b> Katie Scott-Childress, Rosendale Library</p> <p><b>MHLS Staff</b> Laurie Shedrick Nina Acosta</p>
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- Report review:** April 2025 – October 2025 : It was noted that although some libraries are still underspending in OverDrive, several smaller libraries have actually increased their spending and are working toward meeting their spending targets. Stephanie Harrison pointed out that spending has increased over time, but there are some libraries that have made no attempt at all to increase spending. Several individual libraries were called out for being the worst offenders. Katie Scott-Childress noted that some newer directors may be overwhelmed with the demands of their new positions, but they are aware that they need to step up their efforts.

Stephanie proposed sending a formal letter to the libraries that are not meeting their spending requirements. Daniela Pulice suggested sending a MHLS board member to these libraries to deliver the message, but Laurie Shedrick responded that it may be better if the message comes directly from herself or Rebekkah. Carol Fortier recommended following the same steps as when there is a violation of the resource sharing standards. All present were in agreement. Further, all agreed that the rational for notifying a director of a violation would be that the library is underspending by more than \$1,000, and they haven't met their spending target in the last three periods of the reporting cycle.

Stephanie will compose a letter with MHLS to be sent to 19 libraries that have met the above criteria. These libraries will then have one month (date agreed on: January 16, 2026) to respond to MHLS with their plan to remedy their underspending. Rebekkah will decide who should receive this information.

2. **Future of the committee :** All agreed to continue the committee but to reduce the membership to two representatives from each county. The counties will determine who the representatives will be and will report the names to Laurie Shedrick by mid-January 2026. The next spending review will occur in April 2026, and the report will be distributed in May 2026.
3. **Next Meeting :** February 2026 (date tbd)

**Submitted by:**

Donna Perolli – November 12, 2026