

ECAC meeting 1/27/25, 2 p.m.

Attending: Judith Wines (UHLS), Karrie McLellan (COLN), Catherine Snow (EGRN), Kristina Ronald (GUIL), Melissa Tacke (CAST), Sarah Clark (VOOR), Kim Roppolo (STEP), Geoff Kirkpatrick (BETH), Jane Chirgwin (RENS), Nate Heyer (GUIL)

[Minutes from 12/4/24 meeting](#)

Purge inactive holds

It was decided to do a scheduled purge every 6 months of suspended holds that have been suspended for over 12 months in OverDrive. We will also ask OverDrive to build in a check for popular items (to ensure that people who have active holds on popular items won't be kicked off after a year). This was chosen over doing a one-time purge of suspended holds. We may also do a patron education campaign about the possibility of holds expiring after a certain period of time, and letting patrons know that holds can be suspended.

Change annual OverDrive contribution increase away from 5%?

- Having a 5% increase in funding is a discrepancy with the 15% growth in OverDrive circulation for two years in a row.
- Back in 2018 print to digital ration was 7 to 1, this year it will be about 2.3 to 1
- Average cost per circ for digital material is lower than print materials
- Karrie and others mentioned concerns about sustainability/exponential growth
- Increasing the amount spent on econtent would definitely be more of a burden for the smaller libraries
- At the next DA meeting the Committee will float a 7.5% increase

Weeding permissions and guidelines

Occasionally we get requests from librarians to unweed titles for them since they don't have weeding permissions in Overdrive. Do we want to give weeding/unweeding permissions to all selectors in Overdrive?

-It was decided to send out an email to selectors with weeding guidelines, and then people can decide whether they want these weeding permissions.

Coordinated order on 2/11

Last month we decided to add all Project Gutenberg titles to OverDrive. On 2/11, Judith will add these titles and everyone who can do an Overdrive order that day should do so; this way, the Project Gutenberg titles aren't showing up as the "new titles" on Libby.

NYLA legislative priorities - eBooks Licensing Reform

[S.6868-A](#) / [A.10544](#) - [NYLA Memo of Support](#)

As ECAC we should know what NYLA is advocating for.

Open Forum

People who have library cards for areas where they don't live to have access to other digital collections: how do we feel about this?

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be in person. Kristina will send out a poll to determine the best time. Participants noted that typically the first or last thing of the day works best.