SLC Overdrive Group's Digital Collection Policy

OBJECTIVE

The goal of the SLC Overdrive group is to provide access to digital content for all age groups at participating libraries. The SLC Overdrive group recognizes that this collection serves all people within the participating communities regardless of age, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identification, disability, or political or social views. The SLC Overdrive group supports intellectual freedom and adopts the ALA *Freedom to Read Statement* and ALA *Library Bill of Rights* as policy. As such, the SLC Overdrive group will strive to select materials based on their merit or demand and not on the views expressed or the identity of the creators.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PURCHASING

The responsibility for purchasing materials for the collection is shared among the participating libraries. Each library shares the opportunity and responsibility to select digital materials. Material selectors will follow the SLC Overdrive group's collection development policy, and respond to the needs expressed by participating libraries.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The decision to include or exclude an item from this digital collection is based on the following considerations:

- Popular appeal / patron demand or interest
- Individual merit
- Funds / pricing / length of license
- Availability

Selection procedures are:

- Purchasing popular fiction as well as new and older popular titles/series, adult nonfiction, and teen/children titles. However, newer titles take precedence over older titles
- Purchasing one copy of popular authors/titles right away; if there are 10 or more holds on a title, a second copy may be purchased
- Each month, the final selector will spend a minimum of 15% of the monthly budget towards purchasing items with 10 or more holds
- Restrict or avoid purchasing AI generated materials
- Ordering takes place monthly with one library in charge of the final purchasing
- When the group receives alerts for metered access titles, the final selecting librarian for that month will check to see if these titles have had a lot of circulation/holds and determine if the titles should be repurchased
- The SLC Overdrive group will always strive to choose unabridged versions of works when available, and formats that are the current industry standard and/or allow the greatest amount of access for all patrons.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

The total amount of funds available is subject to change each year based on funding. Our priority will always be to satisfy patron demand and shift the allocation of funds in response to holds ratios and checkout trends.

Disclaimer:

All digital content in the SLC Overdrive group's collection is discoverable by default. Parental controls are available in the My Account settings.

CHALLENGED CONTENT

Patrons with participating library cards should fill out the SLC Overdrive Group's Request for Reconsideration of Digital Materials Form. Advantage collection title challenges will be referred to the owning library to follow that library's reconsideration process. Shared titles that are only owned by the SLC Overdrive Group will receive the request and will have 60 days to respond. The SLC Overdrive group will meet, with a quorum (being those in attendance), deciding on the reconsideration of the digital item in question. The patron will have 30 days after that to make an appeal to the SLC Advisory Council.

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