

Overview

The Digital Library of Illinois (DLIL) is a consortium of public, academic, and school libraries located throughout the state of Illinois. The overall collection includes both titles selected and purchased using consortium funds and titles selected and purchased by individual libraries, which may be shared with consortium members via the Overdrive Advantage Plus plan. This collection development plan focuses on the titles selected and purchased by the consortium.

The DLIL collection is divided into areas, with each area having one or more selectors:

- Adult Fiction - 2 selectors
- Adult Nonfiction - 2 selectors
- Teen - 1 selector
- Children's - 1 selector
- Holds and Expiring Content - 2 selectors

Selectors are volunteers who are employed by a DLIL member library. When there are vacancies in the selector role, a call for volunteers is posted on the DLIL e-mail list. The Electronic Content Consortium (ECC) Board, which oversees the DLIL, handles the appointment of selectors.

General Considerations

DLIL selectors purchase a combination of popular and well-reviewed titles. Equal consideration is given to eBooks and eAudiobooks.

Preorders are purchased no earlier than one month ahead of the release date.

For initial purchases of metered content, selectors choose the longest-available term (one-copy/one-user or 2 years).

Adult Fiction

Adult fiction purchasing focuses on upcoming or recently-released popular titles with wide appeal. Patron suggestions and backlist titles are considered as budget allows.

Adult Nonfiction

Adult nonfiction purchasing focuses on popular titles and patron suggestions. Nonfiction selectors do not purchase cookbooks, travel guides, or test prep materials. However, these materials may be purchased and shared by Advantage libraries, and the holds selectors may purchase copies for the consortium if demand is high.

Teen

Teen purchasing focuses on upcoming or recently-released popular titles with wide appeal. Patron suggestions and backlist titles are considered as budget allows.

Children's

Children's purchasing focuses on upcoming or recently-released popular titles with wide appeal. Patron suggestions and backlist titles are considered as budget allows.

Holds Management

The goal of consortium holds management is to provide added copies of in-demand titles to lower wait times and repurchase expired content with holds, to the extent that budget allows. Shared Advantage Plus copies are included when calculating holds ratios.

Target holds ratios are based on the cost of the item:

- < \$40: 1 copy for every 15 holds
- \$41-\$55: 1 copy for every 20 holds
- \$55+: 1 copy for every 25 holds

The consortium will purchase up to 30 copies of popular items. Selectors may choose to exceed this cap if demand warrants and budget allows.

Expiring Content

Expiring content is reviewed twice per month. Because a significant amount of content is metered, the Holds and Expiring Content selectors use the following guidelines to determine what to replace:

- Items with 10+ holds: automatically repurchase using standard holds ratios
- Items with 5-9 holds: repurchase titles with no shared Advantage Plus copies; do not repurchase titles with shared Advantage Plus copies
- Items with fewer than 5 holds: do not repurchase

Expired Content with Holds ("Zombie Holds")

Selectors will purchase expired content with holds as budget allows, with priority placed on expired items with the highest number of holds.

Weeding

Weeding is a necessary part of maintaining an up-to-date, relevant digital collection. Weeding that will take place at the consortial level includes:

- All expired titles with no holds will be automatically weeded on a daily basis.
- Monthly weeding of content that meets the following criteria will take place on or around the 12th of the month:
 - Expired titles with fewer than 5 holds and no shared copies
 - Expired titles no longer available for purchase
 - Titles no longer available for purchase with 0 holds
 - Titles with no checkouts for the last 3 years
- Annual weeding will take place in the spring to remove outdated content in key areas:
 - Health
 - Technology
 - Law and Legal Self-Help
 - Test Prep
 - Travel

Advantage libraries are highly encouraged to set up automatic weeding of expired titles for their local collections, and to develop criteria for routine weeding.