

Potential models for an annual increase for the WPLC Buying Pool/Holds Reduction Amount

The WPLC Collection Development Workgroup for 2018 recommended that the Steering Committee and Board consider developing a mechanism for a regular annual increase toward the buying pool (currently \$1,000,000) or the holds reduction amount (currently \$150,000).

The workgroup proposed that the Steering Committee and Board discuss options for a regular annual increase and prepare a recommendation for the 2019 Collection Development Workgroup to consider as part of their work.

As such, the following schedule is proposed:

- May 24: Steering Committee has an initial discussion of options proposed by the Collection Development Workgroup and suggests any other potential models.
- June: Additional models are added to the list of potential options.
- July-August: Steering Committee discusses the options via email and bring potential options back to their member libraries for discussion.
- September 20: Steering Committee discusses the options and makes a recommendation to the Board.
- October 23: Board discusses the Steering Committee recommendation.

During their 2018 discussions, the Collection Development Workgroup suggested some possible options for an annual increase:

1. **The total amount for the buying pool and holds reduction amount would be a consistent percentage of collection budgets.** When it was initially created, the buying pool amount of \$1,000,000 was approximately 5% of “local expenditures for public library materials in 2009.” A consistent percentage could be established so that the buying pool/holds reduction amount would go up or down to always equal a certain percentage of the local expenditures for public library materials.
2. **The buying pool/holds reduction amount would increase each year by a set percentage.** Another model that could be considered is a set percentage increase each year. A 5% increase, for example, would mean an additional \$57,500 in the first year for the buying pool/holds reduction amount. The additional amount would increase as the buying pool/hold reduction amount increased.

3. **The buying pool/holds reduction amount would increase each year by a set amount.** Instead of increasing by a set percentage as in option #2, in this model, the increase each year would be the same dollar amount. For example, if the amount of annual increase was \$50,000, the buying pool would increase by \$50,000 each year.

4. **The buying pool/holds reduction amount would increase each year by the percentage increase in usage.** In this model, how well the collection performed would be directly tied to the percentage increase. If, for example, the circulation of the collection increased by 5%, then the amount for the buying pool/holds reduction amount would increase by the same percentage.

The Steering Committee will consider these models and propose others for discussion at their May 2018 meeting.

Data to assist with the discussion

Collection expenditures: 2011-2015

Source: Wisconsin Public Library Service Data, 2015: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/pld/xls/15state.xls>

Year	Print materials	Electronic format	Audiovisual materials	All other materials	Library materials total
2015	\$16,589,297	\$3,476,631	\$5,436,517	\$576,595	\$26,079,040
2014	\$16,359,256	\$3,436,942	\$5,418,882	\$506,454	\$25,721,534
2013	\$16,557,551	\$3,025,324	\$5,359,275	\$651,652	\$25,593,802
2012	\$16,816,840	\$2,616,205	\$5,486,046	\$652,033	\$25,571,124
2011	\$17,408,199	\$1,675,865	\$5,645,880	\$385,611	\$25,247,634

OverDrive shared collection circulation growth: 2013-2017

Source: Buying pool calculations, 2014-1

Year	Circulation	Growth
2013	2015046	Base
2014	2743898	36.17%
2015	3309890	20.63%
2016	3659056	10.55%
2017	3827387	4.60%