

NY Academic OverDrive Consortial Details

I. Purpose

The New York Academic OverDrive consortium was created to provide smaller academic institutions in New York State with a larger and more affordable collection of ebooks and audiobooks than they could build on their own. This model emphasizes pooling resources and sharing access equally among all participating campuses. . The Consortium is managed by the Northern New York Library Network (NNYLN), a member of the Empire State Library Network (ESLN).

II. Participation

A. Membership

Colleges or universities with 16,000 student FTE or fewer that are members of their local library council shall be eligible to join the Consortium. Any current OverDrive standalone system customer needs Overdrive's permission to join the Consortium.

Interested colleges should submit their intent to join to overdrive@nnyln.org by mid-July. This allows time for required forms to be submitted and authentication to be configured by the start of the term (Sept 12). Colleges may join mid-cycle for an added administrative fee of \$200 and annual Overdrive fees shall be prorated.

B. Term

The Term of Participating Colleges shall be for one (1) year from the Effective Date of September 12 each year, and shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year terms unless either party provides written notice of intention not to renew ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the then-current term.

C. Fees

Overdrive will charge the Northern New York Library Network an annual fee for each participating school according to the table below. The Annual Participation Fee shall be based upon the full-time enrollment (FTE) of the school.

Annual Participation Fee

Tier 1	FTE up to 2,000;	\$1,600 per year
Tier 2	FTE of 2,001 – 4,000;	\$2,400 per year
Tier 3	FTE of 4,001 – 7,000;	\$3,600 per year
Tier 4	FTE of 7,001 – 11,000;	\$5,600 per year
Tier 5	FTE of 11,001-16,000	\$6,800 per year

The Northern New York Library Network will send invoices to each participating school each fall and payment will be due within 30 days of receipt. A Participating College may select additional Digital Content subject to standard terms and pricing. Contact the NNYLN facilitator to purchase additional credits.

One-fourth (25%) of the fee each year is absorbed by Overdrive for configuration, system fees and maintenance, and three-fourths (75%) is allocated toward the selection of Digital Content for the shared Consortial collection.

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The 75% of the fee that becomes content credits is distributed to each school to buy titles, though a portion of these credits also contribute to MARC records and to purchasing expired titles with active holds on them. All items purchased get pooled with all the content bought by other participants maximizing the reach and impact of the collection. This means all users on all campuses have equal access to all titles, regardless of who selected the items. If a school buys more content than the annual base amount, they can choose to add them to the flat pool of resources or to make those items “Advantage Plus,” giving their users priority access but still making the content available to others within the consortium. Any funds added beyond the annual fee are applied 100% to content. Content is available immediately after purchase.

D. Withdrawal

If a Participating College withdraws from the Consortium, all content, products, and services that have been purchased with the Participating College’s monetary and in-kind contributions to Consortium shall remain with Consortium.

III. Collection Responsibilities

Content is selected by Participating Colleges. Each school is allocated their proper amount of credit and fills a cart with the items of their choosing, including the lending model they want for each title. The NNYLN facilitator coordinates a deadline by which to complete those carts, then purchases them all together, which streamlines the batches of MARC records produced for each order. NNYLN sends each new batch of records to SUNY Central to be incorporated into Alma for the participating SUNY Colleges. Private Participating Colleges must [download MARC records](#) directly from OverDrive to incorporate into their own ILS.

Each selector is responsible for creating carts within their allotted content credit per order by the deadline set by the NNYLN facilitator. The budget for each order is determined by a school’s annual content credits less the amount needed to cover MARC record fees and to repurchase titles with active holds. The Northern New York Library Network coordinates three purchases throughout the year and updates selectors with remaining credit amounts. The collection is geared toward recreational/popular reading which also supports English/Lit departments, though no collection development policy is in place to prohibit the selection of other content.

Each Participating College is responsible for providing an alternate selector if the primary selector is unavailable or unable to fulfill their duties. All selectors are responsible for receiving and reading correspondence directly related to the NY Academic OverDrive program. All selectors should regularly communicate concerns or questions regarding their participation with NNYLN.

A. Weeding

Consortium content is weeded automatically once a title expires. OverDrive will create a cart of titles that are about to be weeded which will be available for selectors to examine and determine whether or not to repurchase. If a selector would like to keep a particular title that is about to expire, they can MOVE the title to their own cart in OverDrive Marketplace. Titles moved to the

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selector's active cart will be included on the next possible order date. Unclaimed titles left in the Expiring cart will be deleted (not repurchased), and thereby weeded.

IV. Intellectual Freedom

The Northern New York Library Network aims to support a collection that upholds the principles of intellectual freedom and resists all efforts to censor library resources. the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read, and Freedom to View statements.

The Library Network recognizes that some materials may be controversial or offensive to an individual, but maintains that individuals can apply their values to only themselves. The consortium expects selectors to distinguish between their personal convictions and professional duties and not to allow their personal beliefs to interfere with fair representation of the aims of our institutions or the provision of access to their information resources. Resources should be chosen, or excluded, not based on whether selectors agree with them, but on whether they recommend them as credible. If a resource is devoted to disinformation, we would not recommend it to an information seeker, and it likely does not belong in our collection.

A. Request for Reconsideration policy

Patrons wanting to communicate their concerns about materials in the NY Academic Consortium should submit their concern according to their campus's policy, and such requests will be directed to the consortial participants for discussion with the Northern New York Library Network, since the items are held and used collectively. Participating librarians may also initiate such a discussion of a title. A recommendation for action will be made by the group to the Northern New York Library Network.