

Libraries Online, Inc. Digital Collection Challenge Policy and Procedures

Explanation of Digital Collections

Libraries Online, Inc. (LION) shares two digital collections among its member libraries, Overdrive electronic/audiobooks and Overdrive magazines.

Overdrive electronic/audiobooks are selected by the LION eMaterials Committee, which is composed of librarians from member libraries. Given the cost of eBooks and audiobooks, the selection team follows collection development principles that focus on materials that appeal to a broad range of public library users of all ages. These include, but are not limited to:

- NYT best sellers
- Major prize winners & popular award winning titles
- Popular fiction and non-fiction authors
- Books that turn into movies
- Series – if available , including backlists of new releases
- Additional titles will be considered upon patron recommendation.

Titles are withdrawn from the collection in order to maintain its usefulness, currency, relevance, or for contractual reasons between Overdrive, LION's content provider, and a publisher.

Overdrive magazines are an inclusive collection for which the consortium pays a fixed fee. LION does not contribute to the development of the collection.

Policy Statement:

Libraries Online, Inc. (LION) provides online access to electronic content to serve the interests of its member patrons.

LION upholds the First Amendment and is dedicated to free inquiry. LION subscribes to the [Library Bill of Rights](#) and [Connecticut Library Association Intellectual Freedom Statement Against Censorship](#). It also supports the "[Freedom to Read](#)" and the "[Freedom to View](#)" statements adopted by the American Library Association. LION endorses the [Readers' First](#) principles. LION believes responsibility for monitoring a child's access to resources rests with a parent or legal guardian. Individual member libraries do not have the authority to remove items in the LION collection.

LION believes that no individual should censor or restrict the freedom of others to read or listen to the collection. LION will respond to patron concerns about the suitability of a particular title. Please direct these inquiries to info@lioninc.org. LION asks that you include the following information:

- Contact information (name, email address)
- Patron's LION Library
- Item information (author/title)
- Examples of the unsuitability of the item in question

The LION eMaterials Committee, in consultation with the LION Board of Directors, will review the concern and respond to the patron within 30 days of submission.

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