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OverDrive Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2026 | 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm |
Online Meeting - Zoom

Roll Call:

Columbia County	**Putnam County**
___Tamara Gaskell, Roeliff Jansen Community Library	_X_Stephanie Harrison (chair), Patterson Library
_X_ Michelle Hoffman, New Lebanon Library	_X_Donna Perolli, Kent Library
Dutchess County	**Ulster County**
_X_Carol Fortier, Beekman Library	_X_Liz Potter, Phoenicia Library
____Daniela Pulice, Pleasant Valley Library	____Katie Scott-Childress, Rosendale Library
Green County	**MHLS Staff**
_X_Catherine Benson, Heermance Library	_X_Laurie Shedrick
_X_Christopher Leary, Catskill Public Library	_X_Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich
	_X_Nina Acosta

1. **Review of spending reports:** Stephanie noted that spending overall has increased, and wait times have decreased from an average of 40 days, from when we began this committee, to an average of 20 days currently. Most libraries are moving in the right direction, however there are still some that have not made any progress.

2. **Tools:** Nina is working on a spreadsheet for directors to help evaluate their spending. She will send an email with details and instructions to all directors soon. All present agreed that this would be a useful tool. Christopher suggested sharing it with adult and juvenile purchasing teams as a budgeting tool. Laurie suggested that we continue to explore other ways we could work the data to find each library's individual spending sweet spot.

3. **Other discussion:** Laurie shared the success of Saugerties Library which was able to increase their spending to get on the right track to meet their goals. The director thought she was spending enough but still wasn't meeting the required amount. They turned to Nina who ran some reports to show how much they needed to increase their budget each month. Because they were behind on their spending the previous six months, there was some catch up to do, but over time this will level out if they continue at their current rate. They are making good ground and the results should be evident in the next report. Liz shared her method and spreadsheet for keeping track of spending based on a calculation of predicted spending, plus 10%, divided by 12 months. Carol pointed out the importance of spending in Overdrive every week in order to keep on top of meeting your target.

4. **Conclusion:** Stephanie will send out a general letter to acknowledge our collective progress and to motivate continued compliance. More personalized letters will go out to individual libraries later this year based on the data from the November report. Stephanie also recommended

reminding directors at county meetings to keep spending. Raising awareness, increased communication and support for those with barriers will help to continue the positive spending increase we've accomplished so far.

5. **Next meeting:** November 2026 (date tbd)

Submitted by:
Donna Perolli – May 29, 2026