Cooperative Collection Development Plan
School Library System|Genesee Valley BOCES

Purpose
The School Library System of Genesee Valley BOCES will engage in cooperative collection development with member districts to better support the resource needs of the region. It can be challenging for districts to license digital content in an effective and cost efficient way given publisher constraints. Instead, the School Library System can serve as a consolidated licensing body to acquire and make available to members a collection of digital resources that are cooperatively selected to meet regional needs.

Process
Participation in the Cooperative Collection Development activities of the School Library System will be made possible through system funding of content on a regional OverDrive account accessible to all members. Primary consideration in the regional account will be given to sets of books, simultaneous access resources, and audiobooks as they are more difficult for an individual district to license individually. Additional funded participation is available through the Cooperative Collection Development CoSer (503.100). The cost of the CoSer is $1.60 per RWADA with all collected funds being expended on content with a primary focus on fiction ebooks.

Member librarians will be invited to participate in collection development meetings where digital content is reviewed and selected for inclusion in the regional account. These meetings will typically be held in the fall and spring. Otherwise, members can submit purchase requests at any time during the year.

Extension
Districts that wish to extend their participation in the Cooperative Collection Development activities may do so by creating an Advantage Plus account attached to the regional OverDrive account. However, any content purchased by individual district funds through the Advantage Plus accounts will still be made fully accessible to all members of the system. The only limitation of access will be that patrons from the Advantage Plus district will be moved to the front of hold lists for resources in OverDrive. There will be no regional access restrictions based on type of license including any time/checkout limits, number of copies licensed, or access method. In the interests of equity, regional access will be as open as possible.

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