

MontanaLibrary2Go Selection Team

Library Selection Rotation & Content Budget (FY20)

A different library from the Selection Team will be in charge of selecting titles each month on a rotating basis. Please see the MontanaLibrary2Go governance page for the most current selection rotation schedule.

DONATIONS: Montana State Library will provide a quarterly report of all donated funds to the selection team. The selection team will adjust the monthly totals for purchasing for the fiscal year. If libraries with members on the selection team donate funds to MontanaLibrary2Go, their selector may elect to create carts (separate from the regular monthly cards) to spend the donation funds. (All regular selection procedures and guidelines will be followed.)

NEW MEMBER LIBRARIES: When new member libraries join MontanaLibrary2Go, Montana State Library staff will provide a report of additional funds to the selection team. These additional funds will be used to increase funding spent monthly on holds. The selection team and Montana State Library staff will work with Overdrive to increase the monthly total for holds accordingly.

PURCHASING PROCEDURE: The selecting library for each month will create carts for the full Selection Team to review by the 15th of the month. The full Selection Team will have 10 days to review the proposed carts for that month, before Bozeman Public Library submits the carts to OverDrive for purchase on the 25th of the month. After the items have been purchased, the selecting library will do a spot check of the titles in MontanaLibrary2Go to verify that the items purchased have been added to the collection. Once the spot check has been done, the selecting library will notify the Montana State Library that the materials have been added.

SELECTION GUIDELINES: The selecting library each month is required to follow these guidelines during the process:

1. Selections must represent areas of interest to patrons across all member libraries currently in the Consortium.
2. Marketplace usage reports must be utilized during the selection process.
3. The selecting library will double check that the formats selected conform to the current collection practices of the consortium. Bozeman Public Library (Katie Biehl) will do a final check before submitting the carts to OverDrive.
4. The 8 proposed carts will be ready for review by the full Selection Team no later than the 15th of each month. The library in charge of selection for that month will alert everyone via the Selection Team listserv that the carts are ready for review and give that month's review deadline date.
5. New Library startup contributions will be put towards holds.
6. The selecting library for the month may check the holds report and order extra copies of any titles that are over the 10:1 hold ratio manually.

7. The selecting library will review the patron request carts and consider requests in purchasing. Selectors should wait to build carts until after the request carts are built on the 5th of the month.
8. MontanaLibrary2Go purchases the following formats: EPUB, OPEN EPUB, KINDLE, PDF, and MP3.
9. All audiobooks will be unabridged.
10. All MontanaLibrary2Go adult and young adult items will be purchased as individual items rather than as book bundles. Juvenile book bundles may be purchased.
11. MontanaLibrary2Go purchases no more than 20 copies of any individual title. (This guideline can be overridden for a specific title by a discussion and vote of the selection team.)
12. MontanaLibrary2Go re-purchases all expired metered access titles with 4 or more holds.