

2019 CDC Recommendation: RTL and Preorders

The WPLC Collection Development Committee (CDC) asked the project managers to review pre-orders as a possible way to help manage the large number of RTL requests that were coming from pre-orders as patrons were requesting pre-orders several months before they were added to by consortium or Advantage selectors.

The over-demand issues with RTL that were addressed in 2019 by the WPLC CDC were rectified with the elimination of OverDrive's title suggestions in the WI Digital Library. Since July, the RTL requests have been manageable for selectors and they have not exceeded their budgets. * Note: there was a significant decline in requests in November when Macmillan was removed as a publisher to be recommended

Ordering pre-order titles no more than a month before their street dates has proven to be an efficient way to manage holds on titles as well as ensuring a more accurate record of collection budget expenditures in the reconciliation process.

We would suggest retaining the policy of ordering pre-order titles a month prior to the release dates and also recommend asking OverDrive for a development request to opt out of allowing pre-order titles to be recommended by patrons.