MORE Resource Sharing/Collection Development Committee meeting materials

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7. Content recommendations for 2024 MORE budget

The committee should recommend budgeted amounts and possible new content sources for the "content" section of the 2024 MORE budget.

2023 content budget amounts:

- OverDrive Advantage OverDrive ebook and audiobook content available only to MORE cardholders, in addition to the statewide Wisconsin's Digital Library collection: \$50,000
- Electronic magazines Flipster subscriptions: \$9,000 (in December 2022, the committee opted to use \$5,429.28 for Flipster subscriptions in 2023, with a recommendation that the remaining \$3,570.72 be used for OverDrive content)
- Collection Development Project High-demand content in any format: \$10,000

See the posted <u>Electronic content usage</u>, <u>2021-2023 YTD</u> document for recent OverDrive and Flipster use statistics.

8. Discussion on content labelling

<u>The American Library Association's Freedom to Read statement</u> includes a section addressing content labeling of library materials:

"It is not in the public interest to force a reader to accept the prejudgment of a label characterizing any expression or its author as subversive or dangerous.

The ideal of labeling presupposes the existence of individuals or groups with wisdom to determine by authority what is good or bad for others. It presupposes that individuals must be directed in making up their minds about the ideas they examine. But Americans do not need others to do their thinking for them."

Should the committee affirm and perhaps expand upon this labeling position for MORE?