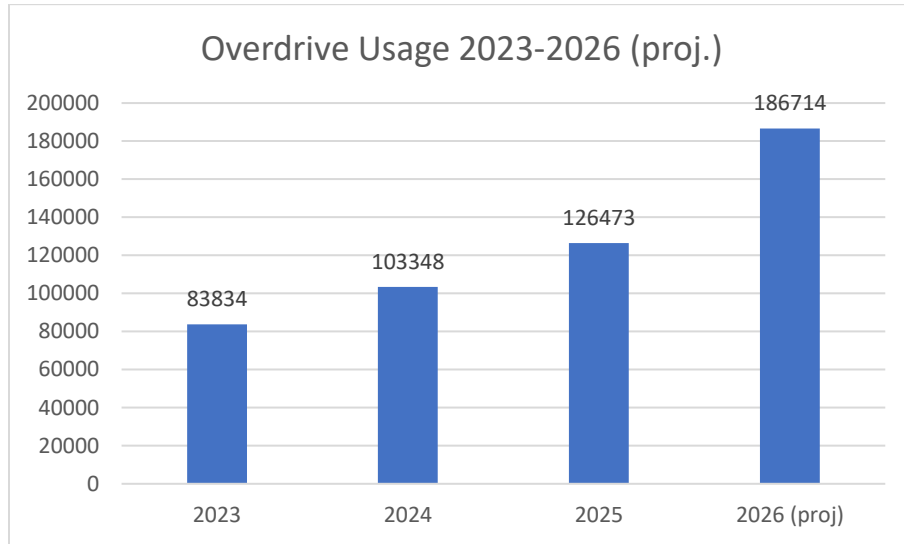


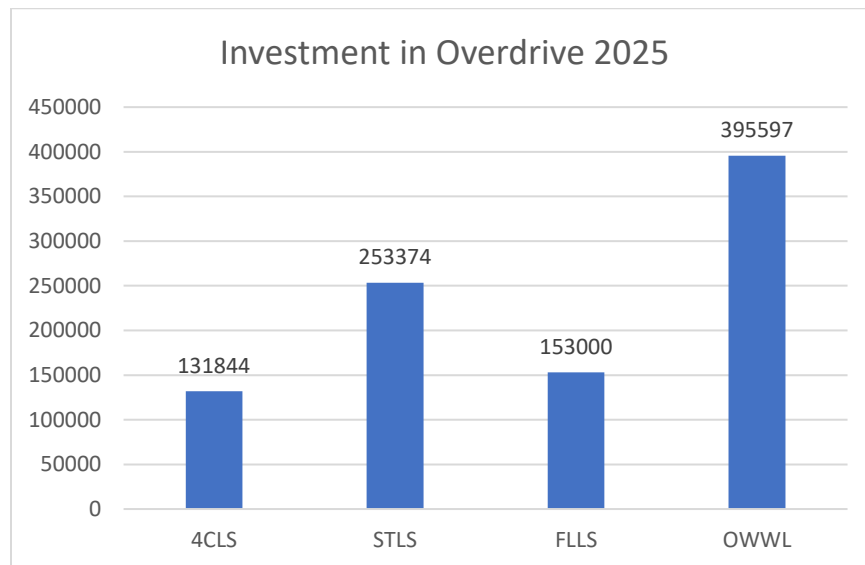
## Overdrive Beyond 2026 – A Proposal From The Steering Committee

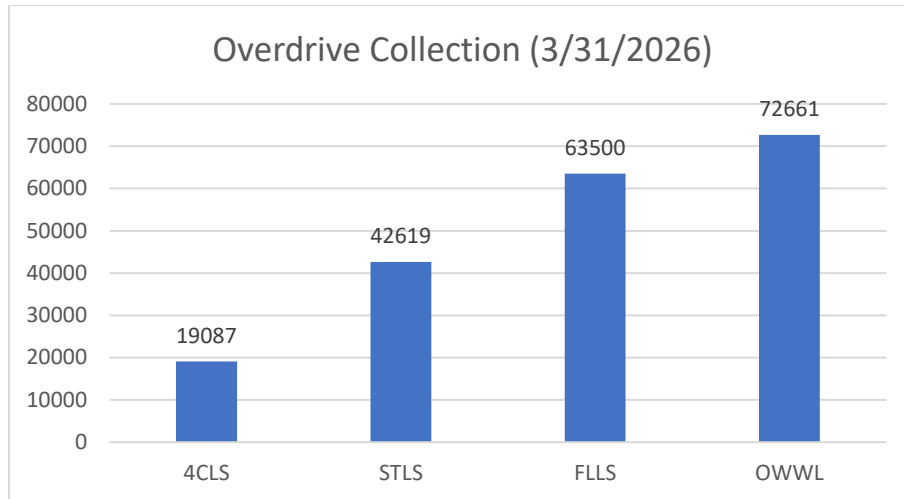
The plan to increase investment in digital materials in Overdrive to better meet the demand of the community has resulted in significant increases in the use of Overdrive materials.



Another benefit of this investment is that 4CLS has reached a level in which participation in a regional reciprocal borrowing agreement with neighboring library systems is possible. 4CLS has been invited to participate in a regional sharing arrangement currently in place between the Southern Tier Library System, Finger Lakes Library System, and the OWWL Library System. 4CLS staff will be meeting with our peers soon to work out the logistics. When complete, our patrons will have access to an additional 178,000 items.

4CLS is still behind these systems in Overdrive investment. It is important to continue to grow the collection to meet patron needs and to remain a viable partner.





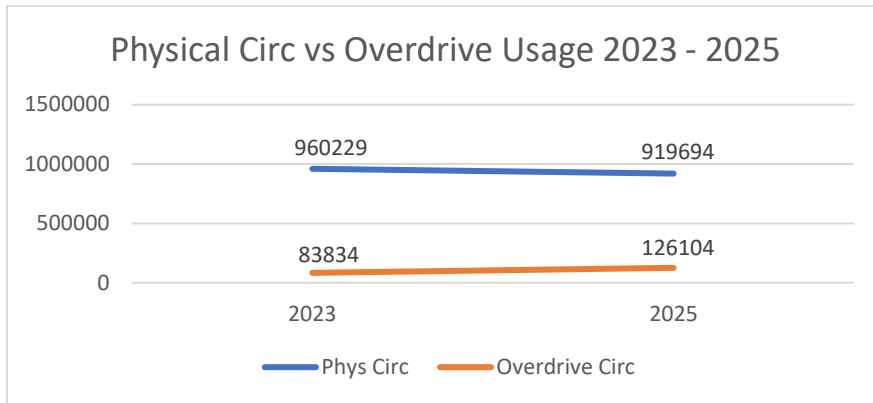
What is the best way to proceed to preserve the valuable gains in digital content usage and remain a viable partner with our peer systems? The Steering Committee has been working on this problem for months.

An initial attempt to adjust the current formula with updated data proved unworkable. It resulted in wild swings in individual library fees and resulted in a general increase of less than \$500.

After discussion, the Steering Committee developed the following proposal. It features 10% across the board increases over the next three years (2027-2029). The implementation of this proposal will continue to build on the increase use and demand for digital materials and demonstrate a commitment to growth that is necessary to remain a member in good standing of the regional sharing collective.

Overdrive Investment Proposal 2027-2029	2026	2027	2028	2029
		10% inc	10% inc	10% inc
Afton Free Library	\$ 607.68	\$ 668	\$ 735	\$ 809
Andes Public Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Bainbridge Free Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Bovina Public Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Broome County Public Library	\$11,146.80	\$ 12,261	\$ 13,488	\$ 14,836
Cannon Free Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Cherry Valley Memorial Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Deposit Free Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Edmeston Free Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Fairview Public Library	\$ 514.96	\$ 566	\$ 623	\$ 685
Fenton Free Library	\$ 728.24	\$ 801	\$ 881	\$ 969
Franklin Free Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
George F. Johnson Memorial Library	\$ 6,762.64	\$ 7,439	\$ 8,183	\$ 9,001
Gilbertsville Free Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Guernsey Memorial Library of Norwich	\$ 6,943.04	\$ 7,637	\$ 8,401	\$ 9,241
Harris Memorial Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Huntington Memorial Library	\$ 5,039.12	\$ 5,543	\$ 6,097	\$ 6,707
Kinney Memorial Library	\$ 585.28	\$ 644	\$ 708	\$ 779
Lisle Free Library	\$ 868.56	\$ 955	\$ 1,051	\$ 1,156
Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library	\$ 524.80	\$ 577	\$ 635	\$ 699
Mary Wilcox Memorial Library	\$ 750.08	\$ 825	\$ 908	\$ 998
Milford Free Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Moore Memorial Library	\$ 990.80	\$ 1,090	\$ 1,199	\$ 1,319
Morris Library	\$ 559.92	\$ 616	\$ 678	\$ 745
New Berlin Library	\$ 718.08	\$ 790	\$ 869	\$ 956
Nineveh Pub Lib Of Colesville Township	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Otselic Valley Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Oxford Memorial Library	\$ 1,028.40	\$ 1,131	\$ 1,244	\$ 1,369
Richfield Springs Public Library	\$ 738.88	\$ 813	\$ 894	\$ 983
Roxbury Library Association	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Sherburne Public Library	\$ 2,278.08	\$ 2,506	\$ 2,756	\$ 3,032
Sidney Memorial Public Library	\$ 3,674.64	\$ 4,042	\$ 4,446	\$ 4,891
Skene Memorial Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Smyrna Public Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
South New Berlin Free Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Springfield Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Stamford Library	\$ 872.40	\$ 960	\$ 1,056	\$ 1,161
Unadilla Public Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 550	\$ 605	\$ 666
Vestal Public Library	\$ 3,918.24	\$ 4,310	\$ 4,741	\$ 5,215
Village Library Of Cooperstown	\$ 2,233.84	\$ 2,457	\$ 2,703	\$ 2,973
William B. Ogden Free Library	\$ 744.72	\$ 819	\$ 901	\$ 991
Worcester Free Library	\$ 514.00	\$ 565	\$ 622	\$ 684
Your Home Public Library	\$ 3,334.80	\$ 3,668	\$ 4,035	\$ 4,439
<b>SubTotal</b>	\$65,578.00	\$72,135.80	\$ 79,349.38	\$ 87,284.32
Four County Library System	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	90,578.00	\$97,135.80	\$104,349.38	\$112,284.32

To help put matters in perspective, recent annual report figures show that the circulation of physical materials is on a downward trend. For the same time period digital material use is increasing rapidly.



Looking at it in a different way:

**For 2025, on average, 4cls member libraries spent 8.4% of their collection budget on digital content, while 16.7% of circulation came from Overdrive materials**

To maintain our goals of serving our communities, preserving the gains realized by our recent investment in Overdrive, and to remain eligible for access to a regional digital collection valued at \$12 Million, the Steering Committee believes this proposal is the best way forward. We are happy to respond to any feedback, questions, or concerns.

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- Barb Potter, Kinney Memorial Library (Hartwick)
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