

July 18, 2019

Dear Overdrive:

In June, you notified libraries of Blackstone Publishing's plan to limit library purchases of an unspecified number of eAudiobooks for 90 days after they become available for private purchase.

This letter is to inform you that in response, beginning Aug. 1, 2019, the libraries signing the attached letter will boycott Blackstone eAudiobooks for six months. We have been contacting other libraries in our state and across the country, asking them to join this action, too. We invite you to add your voice to the protest of embargos on libraries, because they obstruct sales on your platform and hurt your business financially, along with alienating your customers.

Your investment in the Panorama Project demonstrates your advocacy for libraries and the value they add to the publishing ecosystem. We appreciate this, but call upon you for a more pointed, public response to embargos when they occur. It may be that if you express your dissent, publishers who are considering embargos or other barriers would listen to the information you have to share on the possible impacts to their business and yours.

Thank you for your consideration.

Washington Digital Library Consortium, representing:

- Anacortes Public Library
- Asotin County Library
- Bellingham Public Library
- Burlington Public Library
- Camas Public Library
- Carpenter Memorial (Cle Elum) Library
- Castle Rock Public Library
- Blanche Bradley Cathlamet Public Library
- Central Skagit Library
- Columbia County Rural Library District
- Davenport Public Library
- Denny Ashby (Pomeroy) Library
- East Adams Library District (Ritzville)
- Ellensburg Public Library
- Gilmour Memorial (Kittitas) Public Library
- Grandview Library
- Harrington Public Library
- Hesseltine (Wilbur) Public Library
- Jefferson County Library
- Kalama Public Library
- Kelso Public Library
- La Conner Regional Library District
- Liberty Lake Municipal Library

- Longview Public Library
- Lopez Island Library District
- Mount Vernon City Library
- Neill Public Library
- North Olympic Library System
- Ocean Shores Public Library
- Odessa Public Library
- Orcas Island Public Library
- Port Townsend Public Library
- Puyallup Public Library
- Reardan Memorial Library
- Richland Public Library
- Roslyn Public Library
- San Juan Island Library
- Sprague Public Library
- Upper Skagit Library
- Walla Walla County Rural Library District
- Walla Walla Public Library
- Weller (Waitsburg) Public Library
- Whatcom County Library System
- Whitman County Rural Library District