

**Proposed Changes to the WLS IT Finance Model
To be applied in 2014**

Summary

Given that PLDA voted in 2010 to follow the finance plan as adopted through its full implementation, which will be the 2014 calendar year, the committee recommends no changes that will have an impact on the final bill of any library. Rather, the following recommendations are cosmetic, breaking out existing columns and maintaining the distribution and cost basis in order to not effect any actual change, but to make the invoice a better reflection of services received and their costs.

WLS Supported PCs

Currently this column reflects 39% of the model. We propose splitting this column into two columns, one continuing to represent WLS Supported PCs, but at 19% and a new Network Connectivity column at 20%. Each column will be based on the number of WLS Supported PCs and represent 39% of the total model, thus maintaining consistency in the billing structure.

Original Model

WLS-Supported PCs	
WLS PCs	WLS PCs
% Total Budget	Per PC
39.0%	\$

Proposed Model

WLS-Supported PCs		Network Connectivity	
WLS PCs	WLS PCs	Network	
% Total Budget	Per PC	Per PC	
19.0%		20.0%	

Borrowing By This Libraries Patrons

Currently this column reflects 30% of the model. We propose splitting this column into two columns, one continuing to represent Borrowing, but at 23% and a new Digital Content column at 7%. Each column will be based on the number of number of checkouts by the patrons of that library and represent 30% of the total model, thus maintaining consistency in the billing structure. The thought behind using borrowing to calculate the cost of digital content is that borrowing of physical materials is a representation of patron activity level and therefore a representation of their potential use of digital content. This cannot be represented from digital content usage figures because they are not represented consistently across platforms, i.e. tokens in Freeding, checkouts in Overdrive, and sessions in databases.

Original Model

Borrowing by This Lib's Patrons		
Transactions	Rank	Transactions
% Total Budget		Per Transaction
30.0%		

Proposed Model

Borrowing by This Lib's Patrons		Digital Content
Transactions	Transactions	
% Total Budget	Per Transaction	
23.0%		7.0%