Section II: Collection Development

Topic: Member Purchasing Responsibility

Policy Statement: Member libraries are required to purchase sufficient copies of material to meet local demand. The following hold/copy ratios shall be met or exceeded by each member library:

Books (14-day loan period) [per facility or branch] 1 copy for 5 to 14 holds 2 copies for 15 to 29 holds 3 copies for 30 to 49 holds 4 copies for 50 to 99 holds 5 copies for 100 or more holds

Videos [per library – all MPL branches are considered one] 1 copy for 15 to 29 holds 2 copies for 30 or more holds Excluded from this obligation are VHS tapes, NC 17 (unrated) video in any format, network television series, and full screen DVD when a widescreen version is available.

BOC, Music [per library] 1 copy for 8 to 19 holds 2 copies for 20 or more holds