UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES UPDATE

Journal Subscriptions and Spring 2020 review
Transforming scholarly communication

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• Scholars who conduct research and publish their results, who review and edit articles for publishers (usually without payment)

• Publishers, through subscriptions, for access to the published articles
  • Also page charges, OA fees, etc.
Expenditure Trends in ARL Libraries, 1986-2018*

Here at Purdue:

- Journal and database subscriptions make up 82% of the collections budget and 53% of the overall operating budget
- Four publishers consume 40% of collections budget
- Subscriptions costs rise on average 4-8% any given year
- Responsible stewardship of university funds requires regular review of subscriptions. Use of one-time funds for ongoing costs is not sustainable practice
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*BTAA negotiated contracts*
At Purdue: Ongoing Efforts

- Review resources annually
  - FY19 cancelled $240,000 worth of subscriptions

- Utilizing interlibrary loan for article purchases

- Currently reviewing all book acquisition methods, moving away from ownership to access

- Continue participating in/taking advantage of consortial deals:
  - Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA)
  - Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI)
2020-21 Reality

- Comprehensive review Spring 2020
  - Cost/use for subscriptions, databases
  - Faculty feedback
  - List ready for faculty review in February
  - List of titles identified by May 2020
- Utilize interlibrary loan
- Educate campus re alternative access
How can faculty help?

- Participate in the spring 2020 review process
- Support Libraries taking a firm stance with publishers
- Invite Libraries to department and college meetings to discuss
- Support Libraries’ adoption of *Principles of Negotiation*
  - *Financially sustainable, prioritize openness, transparent agreements*
- Consider carefully where you publish, where you edit and review, and urge colleagues to do the same
- Advocate in your professional associations for the return of scholarship to the non-profit publishing arena
- Other suggestions?