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First Post
by [Robert McDonald](#) - Thursday, 2 March 2006, 06:11 AM

Hi. On behalf of myself and my fellow presenters (Greg and Tyler), I would like to encourage you to contribute discussion topics for use in this forum and for highlighting areas that we may want to cover at the conference. Add them here or send me an email and we will try to cover them.

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Last copy projects

by [Sara Blaszcak](#) - Monday, 13 March 2006, 03:55 PM

It seems there are a variety of ways of operating last-copy projects for individual institutions, regional consortia, state libraries and multi-library systems. We're motivated by lack of space and ability to share online resources. On the other hand, I wonder if we're doing a good job of preservation long term.

What are the pros/cons?

Sara Blaszcak
Univ. of Illinois-Chicago Library

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E-journal check in

by [Sara Blaszczak](#) - Monday, 13 March 2006, 03:43 PM

To ensure that we're getting what we pay for, should libraries have some method of e-journal check-in? It seems we ought to catch titles dropping out of bundles or full-text databases, missing issues, even gaps in content. Our users are finding missing articles, issues and volumes every day, then we must try to contact publishers and aggregators and ask them to add the contents. It's a grayer area than claiming missing serials; we spend much time and get very little return on this type of work.

What can we do better?

Sara Blaszczak (BLAY-zak)
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Re: E-journal check in

by [Robert McDonald](#) - Thursday, 23 March 2006, 12:00 PM

Sara,

I understand what you mean and believe that part of this answer would come from a smarter more dynamic knowledge base for managing etitles. A check in would not seem to be the answer as the ambiguities seem to arise even well after you purchased and first checked the econtent.

Some sort of analysis tool that understood citation content like [CiteSeer](#) would seem to be ideal as an add-on to our etitle knowledge bases that could continually verify ranges of etitles. Of course I do not know of anyone working on anything like this. Maybe someone is and will add some content here.

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Re: E-journal check in

by [Melissa Holmberg](#) - Friday, 24 March 2006, 08:12 AM

After noticing that it would take an average of 3 months for missing articles or issues to be loaded into a full text database, I asked a vendor rep who was visiting to explain the process undertaken...it is an enormous process for them to find and upload the content. So, I alerted the other librarians to keep reporting the problems as found but to also tell patrons that they should just order the desired articles via ILL as the articles will not be loaded in time for their assignments.

I personally cannot imagine some method of e-journal check-in. Yes, it makes sense to get all we're paying for, but we must also consider staff time/cost in that equation. How much staff are libraries willing to devote to reporting all the missing issues if we are somehow regularly checking...I can only imagine how much more we'd find if we went searching for it! I'd want some automatic way of reporting the problem, like a nice link right there at the article or journal level record. Of course, that would pose problems for the vendor...

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Re: E-journal check in

by [Robert McDonald](#) - Friday, 24 March 2006, 11:36 AM

I really enjoyed Clint Chamberlain's comments on this yesterday described as *Serials Checkon*. Maybe this type of workflow is the best answer.

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