

# Developing Electronic Collections with Shrinking Budgets: Technical Services Challenges and Opportunities

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# Challenges

- Make electronic resources more visible to patrons
- Impact of decreased library budget on Technical Services staff

# Catalog as Portal

- Library agreed that the catalog should be a portal to library resources, including electronic collections
- Vendors chosen to supply bulk imports of MARC records for documents and electronic serials
- Budget cuts influenced decision to include TexShare NetLibrary titles in catalog

# Re-allocation of existing budget from print to electronic resources

- 1000+ print serial subscriptions cancelled totaling over \$280,000 in FY06
- 20,000 electronic serials accessed from catalog; 54,900 available through databases
- Book purchases declined by 1/3 since FY05
- 25,469 NetLibrary titles added to catalog through TexShare agreement

# Staffing Challenges

- Paraprofessional (cataloging) position lost in Technical Services due to retirement
- Administrative/Technical Services position lost due to retirement
- How to best assign responsibilities?

# Reassign job responsibilities

- Cross-training is more important with fewer staff
- How can responsibilities be equitably re-assigned?
- Skill level issues
- Staff acceptance of new responsibilities

# Opportunities

- Increase efficiency; re-evaluate what we do
- Inter-departmental cooperation and collaboration
- Professional growth

# Professional growth

- Changes are an opportunity to learn new skills and to focus on a variety of projects:
  - Project configuration and implementation
  - Database administration and management
  - Metadata consultation
  - License negotiation

# Future of Technical Services


- Smaller, more efficient staff
- Staff will be more versatile, with new skills
- More reliance on vendor-generated products

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