Providing Access to Electronic Journals in Academic Libraries

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- Catalogue ejournals using the single record approach
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• Generate a Web-based list from ejournal records in the catalogue
  
  – A-Z list
  – Subject list
Example of Subject Pages

Electronic Journals - listed by Subject

Search alphabetically by title

Search Ejournals by a More Specific Subject

E-Journals FAQ | Citation Linker

Subject Listing

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• Track changes to ejournal holdings

• OpenURL link resolver

• Metasearch

• Google Scholar & Open WorldCat
Questions on ejournal access from the (near) past:
To catalogue or not to catalogue?

• Do we catalogue something we don’t own?

• Can we catalogue ejournals using the tools we have?

• Do we have time to catalogue ejournals?
What about Web-based lists?

• A better solution than the catalogue?

• What is the best way to provide access through a Web-based list?
How can we make this easier?

• Web-based lists derived from the catalogue

• MARC records derived from lists
HELP!

• Vendors could:
  – Provide us with Web-based lists
  – Help us manage our ejournal subscriptions and collections
  – Provide us with MARC records

(and vendors heard the cry)
Where We’re At: Survey 2005

• Attempt to determine how other academic libraries provide access to ejournals now
• Made available online using SurveyMonkey for 2 weeks in October 2005
• Received 145 responses from 6 countries
• Results will be published in *The Serials Librarian* vol. 51, no. 3 or 4
Survey Response

![Graph showing the number of respondents for different ejournal title ranges.](image-url)
To Catalogue or not to catalogue?

• 92% of respondents have ejournal records in their catalogue
Types of Records in the Catalogue

- Single records
- Separate records
- Brief records
- Other
How Respondents are Tracking Changes to Ejournals in the Catalogue

- Tracking Software
- Check Publishers Sites
- EJMServices
- Don't Track
- Other Method
Web-based lists

- 90% of respondents use a Web-based list or database of ejournals

- Title is the most-used access point for Web-based lists followed by subject
Help From Vendors

• 31% of respondents use records in their catalogue supplied by publishers/aggregators for ejournals
• 35% of respondents purchase records for loading to the catalogue
• 64% of respondents use a Web-based list or database supplied by a vendor
OpenURL Link Resolvers

• 74% of respondents use an OpenURL link resolver

• 55% of respondents include print journals in their OpenURL link resolver database
Google Scholar

• 32% of respondents with a link resolver supply their holdings information to Google Scholar
Metasearch Engines

- 30% of respondents use a metasearch engine
- 10% of respondents with metasearch engines don’t catalogue their ejournals
- 5% of respondents with metasearch engines don’t provide a Web-based list of ejournals
The Future

• To catalogue or not to catalogue?

• What about the Web (2.0)?

• How can we automate our procedures?

• How can the vendors help us?
References

Annotated bibliography available at:

http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~oharalh/EjournalAccessBib.htm