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 reassigned?
- Skill level issues
- Staff acceptance of new responsibilities
Opportunities

• Increase efficiency; re-evaluate what we do

• Inter-departmental cooperation and collaboration

• Professional growth
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• 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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**Electronic resources review**
from 1997 to 2000 in *Emerald Journals*

**Natural resources metabase electronic resource** (1053-1394)
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in Stephen F. Austin State University's Print Holdings
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