

Moving to E-Only ...

Journal Reviews at the
Cornell University Library

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- 20 Libraries
- \$9.8 million spent on print & electronic serials
- Approx. 45,000 current journals (excludes other “serials” -- monographic series, bill-later items ...)
- Approx. 42,000 journals titles online (32,000 current titles -- not embargoed, not cancelled, not ceased)

E-Only Reviews: History & Project Goals

- Libraries are at different stages in their reviews
- Selectors and University Departments are at different levels of acceptance of e-only
- Goals for e-only conversion at the end of the three year project (2006-2008): 4,000 subscriptions to be converted

Project Goals continued ...

- Subscription Savings
 - Savings per subscription for converting to e-only
 - Cancellation of duplicate subscriptions and relying on online access
 - Cancellation of titles available in online collections, particularly those with clear archival rights
- Non-Subscription Savings

Non-Subscription Savings

- All the physical handling, processing and long-term maintenance and space requirements ... check-in, shelving, binding, etc.
- Staff resources
 - Tech Services staff shrinking, but ‘hybrid’ library placing new demands on staff and skills
- <http://www.ithaka.org/research/completed-projects/nonsubscription-side-of-periodicals>



Tech Services/Collection Development Collaboration

- Decide on details of the reviews
 - Size of the review, which publishers
- Prepare Lists
 - What information needed?
- Verify archival rights
- Communication of Selectors with Departments: dept. meetings, library website:
<http://www.library.cornell.edu/colldev/e-only/>
- Back and forth communication between TS and Coll Dev.: correct records, upgrade subscriptions ...



Project Status

- Journal Subscriptions converted through the 2007 subscription year 2,600 (plus 600 at Cornell Medical College)
 - 2,400 Unique titles
 - 200 duplicate titles cancelled
 - Subscription costs savings considerable, but will still be devoured by price increases within a short time

Non-Subscription Savings

- Measures of progress
 - Issues no longer needing processing
 - Volumes no longer needing to be bound
 - Titles/Subscriptions no longer need to be maintained for print
 - Compare stats and time for check-in for selective weeks before and after conversion
- Harder to precisely measure
 - Staff time available to reallocate to other responsibilities

Next Steps

- Reviews for the 2008 subscription year
 - Begin earlier, involve more “conservative” departments earlier
 - Expand the reviews beyond a core list of publishers
 - Identify titles available in aggregators which might not be core to the collection and for which archival rights are not essential