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Problem

Collection Challenges

Unsustainable costs of providing access, discovery, and preservation of analog and digital collections

Developing and implementing long-term strategies for building and maintaining

- physical and virtual collections of
- primary (e.g. special collections and data) and secondary sources (e.g. books, journals, newspapers) for
- current and future users

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We, like all academic libraries must regularly deselect/withdraw items or cancel subscriptions from our local collection and rely on a collective collection.

We are fortunate to belong to a strong network of partner libraries from across the country and world, working cooperatively to build shared collections and services.

You will continue to have access to withdrawn items via interlibrary loan.
Total collections budget is ~$16 million.

Total subscription cost is ~$13 million.
- Expected price increase on journals $390,000 - $650,000.
- FY21 reduced Wiley subscription by 900 titles for $400K savings.
- In first 6 months, ILL increase by 0.7% of previous usage


At $2.6M and 2.5% increase Elsevier is the most expensive journal package
Class C Resolution regarding support for the UW Libraries’ Principles in Licensing Scholarly Resources

Approved April 14, 2022

The UW Libraries negotiates for terms that build and support sustainability and the open sharing of knowledge created at the University of Washington.

The UW Libraries negotiates terms to preserve and further equitable access to knowledge for all faculty, researchers, and students at the University of Washington . . . [and] to work toward the creation of an open scholarly ecosystem where barriers that restrict access to research and to publishing are eliminated.

The UW Libraries . . . prioritize agreements that allow us to curate our collections in alignment with research and teaching priorities.

The UW Faculty Senate supports the UW Libraries to discontinue negotiations that conflict with these principles.
Publishing Relationship Review

Elsevier ScienceDirect 2021

- >600k peer reviewed articles
- 119k articles open access (OA)
  - ~20% published OA
- 46k hybrid OA articles
  - ~7.6% published hybrid OA

Sources:
- Fast facts about Elsevier
- Elsevier Journal and Article Ecosystem 2021 Summary

UW Contributions in 2021

- 3,140 UW affiliated articles
- 1,014 UW corresponding author
  - 18% or 187 were OA
    (123 Gold and 60 Hybrid)
- APC Costs Paid to Elsevier
  - Total: $655,300
  - Subscribed title list: $195,220
Negotiating Team

- Mary F. Hebert, School of Pharmacy
- Theo Myhre, Law School
- Brian Reed, Department of English and Divisional Dean of Humanities
- Helene Williams, Information School and Chair of the Faculty Council on University Libraries
- Denise Pan, Senior Associate Dean for Collections & Strategic Partnerships
- Corey Murata, Director Collection Analysis & Strategy
- Gordon Aamot, Director, Scholarly Communication & Publishing
- Faye Christenberry, Collection Strategy and Licensing Librarian
Negotiations began in June and continued throughout summer.

Communicated goal of open, informed, & collaborative discussions.

Response and proposals received convey a commercial, proprietary and profit-seeking relationship by Elsevier at the expense of UW.

Contract expires December 31.

Next steps: Begin reviewing Elsevier journals for alternative access.

More information forthcoming
“Total cost of stewardship” by OCLC Research, from Total Cost of Stewardship: Responsible Collection Building in Archives and Special Collections [https://doi.org/10.25333/zbh0-a044], CC BY 4.0
Challenges & Strategies Recap

- Libraries Strategic Space Plan Update February 26, 2021
- Collection Management Update April 8, 2021
- iSchool and Libraries Announce Partnership for Space Sharing and Collaboration - June 29, 2021

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- **De-duplication**: withdrawal of duplicate copies of the same edition of a monograph.
- **Print serial de-duplication**: withdrawal of print runs of journals where we have purchased access to the online version and have agreements with other libraries to borrow the print copy if needed.
- **Monographs from partner libraries**: individual monographs that are widely available from our partner libraries in the Summit consortium or through ILL.
Libraries Offsite Shelving + iSchool Retrofit

Project Components

✅ Phase 1: Significant expansion of climate-controlled off-site storage for UW Libraries collections.

❏ Phase 2A: Collection Relocation and Replacement (9/22- 1/23)

❏ Phase 2B: Retrofit of Allen Library South 1st Floor to increase student engagement and provide space for leading-edge research (1/23-5/23)
Communicating Collection Challenges

In-Person Opportunities
• Subject Librarians
• Faculty Council on University Libraries
• Board of Deans & Chancellors

Online Channels
• Libraries News & Blog
• UW News

How can the Libraries improve communication with your department and colleagues?

What is working?

What could be improved?

How could FCUL help the UW and Libraries?
Thank you!

Let us know if you have questions or comments

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