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Academic Library Challenges

• Print Journal Collections Declining for Many Academic Libraries
• Journal Price Increases 521% Since 1986
• Flat or Cut Budgets
• Space Problems
• Neverending Need for Timely and Relevant Peer Reviewed Journals
PSU’s Challenges and Goal

- Flat Budget, Journal Cost Increases, Space Issues
- Increase Availability of Relevant Online Journals to Support PSU’s Curriculum and Research
- Remove Unnecessary Duplication of Open Access Journals Among Databases
- Dead Links of Open Access Journals in ERM
- Irrelevant Open Access Journals in ERM

**Goal:** Rightsizing PSU Journals Collection, Including Open Access
What is Rightsizing? Why Should I Do it?

• Simply put, rightsizing for libraries means to mold your collection, resources, and services into the right shape and size for your library. (Ward)

• Provide Access to Relevant Material and That May Already Be Used

• Provide Access to Journals Indexed in Your Databases

• Supplement Subscription Journals

• Provide Access to Material Available in Stable Sources
Approach at PSU

• Usage Statistics
• Bad URLs
• Journals That Are Irrelevant to University Curriculum and Research
• Predatory Open Access Journals
Overlap Between Open Access Collections

- Overlap Analysis in the ERM to Reveal Overlap of Journals Between Collections
- Examine the URLs of Different Sources of Open Access Journals.
- Delete Access for Titles Going to the Same URLs
Usage Statistics

• Examine Usage Statistics for Usage on Journals which are not subscriptions

• Open Access or Hybrids?

• Evaluate Titles for Relevancy to the University Curriculum

• Peer Review Status

• Since they are already being used, that speaks to the need for the content.
# Bad URLs

- Examine Bad URLs Report. Determine if Journals are Needed. Fix URLss or Delete Titles.

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This table shows a list of URLs that need to be examined for their status and whether they require journals or have issues that need fixing.
Just a Bit of Caution...

- Open access journals should be subject to collection development analysis
- Predatory Open Access Journal Peer Review and Publishing Practices
- Check Peer Review Status
- Beware of predatory open access journals
Conclusion

• The usage of many of the added and updated journals has increased.

• The increased access to relevant, peer reviewed open access journals has enabled our library to better serve PSU students, faculty, and staff.

• Increase access to journals patrons need and may already be using

• Decrease confusion of patrons who are overwhelmed with links when there is duplication

• Value usage statistics
References


  • The DOAJ has a variety of information, including peer review status, article publishing charges, aim and scope, a transparency and best practices statement, and certification of titles that follow best practices.

• Scimago https://www.scimagojr.com/


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