Collection Development of Print and Electronic Resources

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Introduction to the DePaul Libraries

http://www.library.depaul.edu
DePaul University, Chicago, IL.

- Largest Catholic University in the U.S.
- 26,000 Students
- Mostly undergraduate
- Nearly 300 different programs of study
- Professional schools: Business, Law, Nursing
DePaul Libraries By the Numbers

- 6 Libraries in Chicago and its suburbs
- Total volume count: 913,000
- Circulation: 236,000
- Librarians did instruction for 438 classes last year.
- Librarians answered more than 45,000 reference questions, including email, text, and instant messaging.
Mission of Collections @ DePaul

- Libraries collect to support students and their studies
- Libraries collect to support faculty instruction and research
- Library collect to support other libraries
- Support the Mission of DePaul University
The DePaul Libraries’ Collections

- 912,930 volumes
- 29,351 Ebooks
- 291,424 microforms
- 33,475 AV materials
- 13,215 current serials
- 271 Electronic Databases
Collection Highlights

• Good general undergraduate collection
• Vincentian collections
• Chicago Collection
• Experimental Collections
  – Graphic Novels
  – Video Games
  – Rental Collections
Total Collection Development Budget is approximately 3 million dollars.

Approximately 75% of our budget is spent on electronic resources.
How Do We Collect?

• DePaul has a **liaison system**
• **Approval plans** for book purchasing
• Many e-resources are purchased through consortia
• New e-resources workflow
E-Resources Workflow Changes

1. New Electronic Resources Librarian
2. Electronic Resources Management System
3. Workflow we are trying to Achieve:
   1. Identifying E-Resources
   2. Trial/Technical Evaluation/MARC record evaluation
   3. Negotiation
   4. Licensing
   5. Acquisitions/Cataloging
   6. Launching the resource
   7. Re-Evaluation
   8. Renewal
Pros and Cons of Consortial Purchasing

• Pros:
  – More libraries, more bargaining power
  – Pricing will usually be as good as it gets
  – Licensing is more efficient
• Cons:
  – May be incredibly slow
  – Resources get lost in the wash
  – Consortia are at their best with “vanilla” products
✓ Use Consortia as Leverage
Why Collaborate Now?

• The DePaul Library’s collection development mission

• Trends in collection development are making it easier/necessary to collaborate
  – Electronic resources are now the most demand and used, also most scalable
  – Economic recession, book budgets are being cut, traditional formats are being phased out
Where Do I See Potential For Collaboration?

Electronic Resources
Ebooks
Interlibrary Loan
Digital Collections (locally-created e-resources)
Patron-Driven Acquisitions (Soon)
Thank You. Questions?