Staying on Course in a Sea of Constant Change

Adapting Cataloging Workflows for the Digital Age

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The Half of Knowledge is to Know Where to Find Knowledge
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Shared State Universities Catalog!?!?

WCP/Shelf-Ready

Acquisitions

Library Liasons

E-Book Preferred

Data
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Workflow Assessment: Professional Consultant

- Communication between public & technical services
- Challenges with quality control of shelf-ready materials
- Cataloging dispersed among many different departments
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Consistent practices
- Cataloging Site on Intranet
- Comprehensive Cataloging Manual

Gov Doc Cataloging
- Interviews with all staff involved
- Report with recommendations

Serials Cataloging
- Shared Support:
  - Head of Serials Department
  - Head of Complex Cataloging

Dispersed Cataloging Working Group
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*Also discussed:* Impact of acquisitions efficiencies on cataloging units

**Recent Practice**
- Patron-Driven E-books
- Approval Orders Shelf-ready

**Evolving Practice**
- Approvals E-book preferred
- Firm Orders Shelf-ready
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- Print preferred
- “Fast Cat” by Acquisitions

Approval Orders FY 2010-2011

- Print preferred
- WPC/Coutts Shelf Ready

E-book PDA

Approval Orders FY 2011-2012

- Print preferred
- WPC/Coutts Shelf Ready

Approval Orders FY 2012-2013

- E-book preferred through PDA

- WPC/Coutts Shelf Ready

Firm Orders FY 2012-2013
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- Fewer print books ordered
- More print books shelf-ready
- Catalogers cross-trained for projects
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- 50% staff reduction in Acquisitions
- “Fast Cat” to Description & Cataloging
- Student assistant will “Mark and park” DLC
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Questions or Comments?

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Cataloging Efficiencies and Adapting Workflows


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Patron-Driven Acquisition of ebooks


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