Containing the E-resources Explosion

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1996 – The Beginning

Less than 20 electronic journals
(most free with print)

The initial **Bang** (for JMU) …

1997

- First e-journal collections via state consortium (over 250 e-journals)
- Usage tracking for print journals
- First electronic databases

2000

- 2500+ E-journal subscriptions (excluding full text available in aggregator databases)
- Usage tracking for e-journals
- A-Z journal list
- Streaming audio music reserves

The big *Explosion* (for JMU) ...

2002

- 4,000 e-journal subscriptions (excluding aggregators)
- Significant decrease in print journal subscriptions
- E-books
- Link resolver
- Procedures for managing e-journal holdings

2005

- Over 7,000 e-journal subscriptions (excluding aggregators)
- Over 300 electronic research database subscriptions
- Streaming videos
- ERM
- Print newspaper check-in discontinued
- LOCKSS

JMU's E-resources Today

- 10,000+ directly subscribed e-journals and consortial purchases

- 35,000+ additional e-journals via aggregator databases and open access

- 500+ research databases

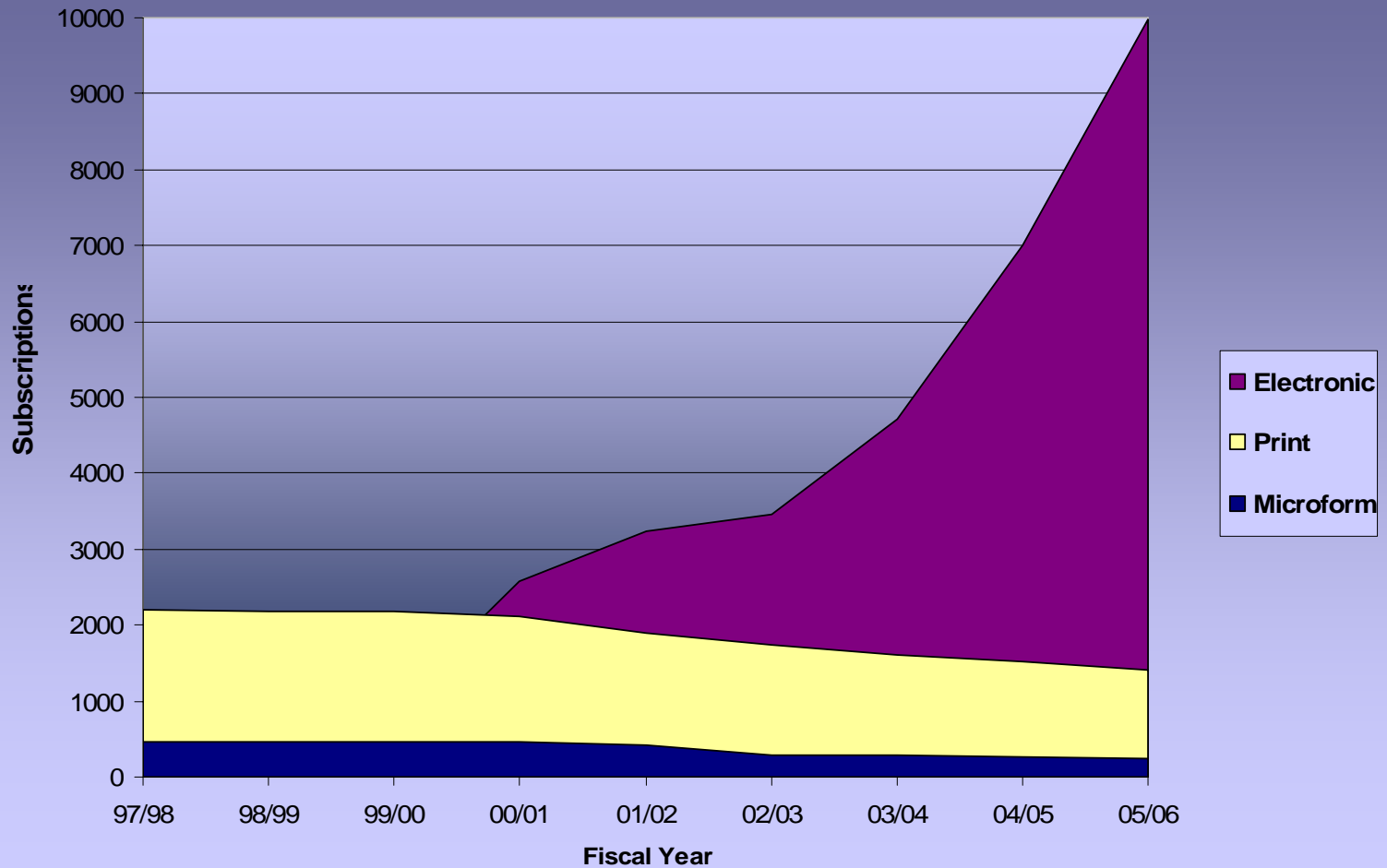- 12,000+ e-books

- 2,200 streaming videos
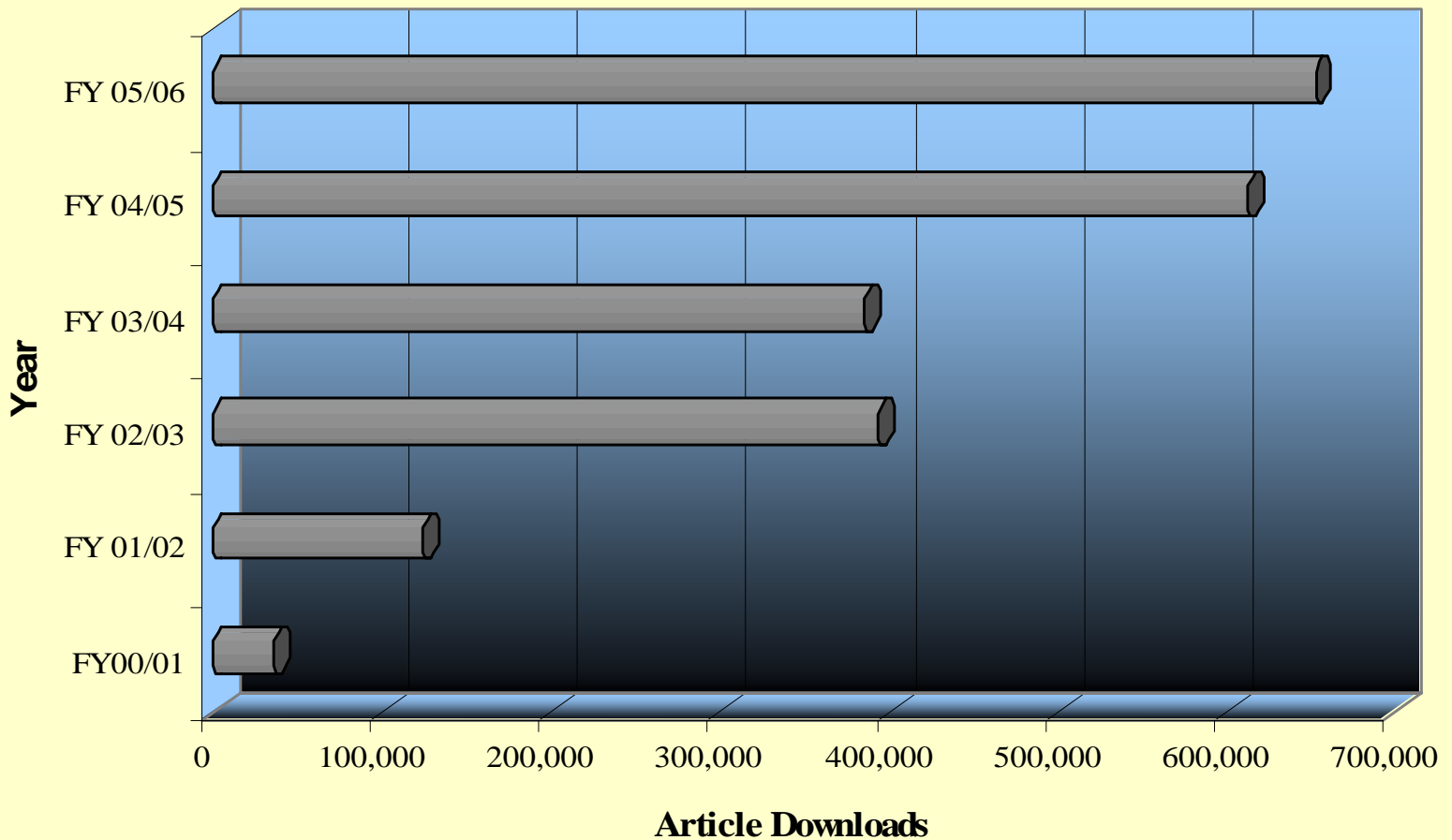
- 200,000+ streaming audio tracks

- Hundreds of thousands additional online files of primary source material through online collections
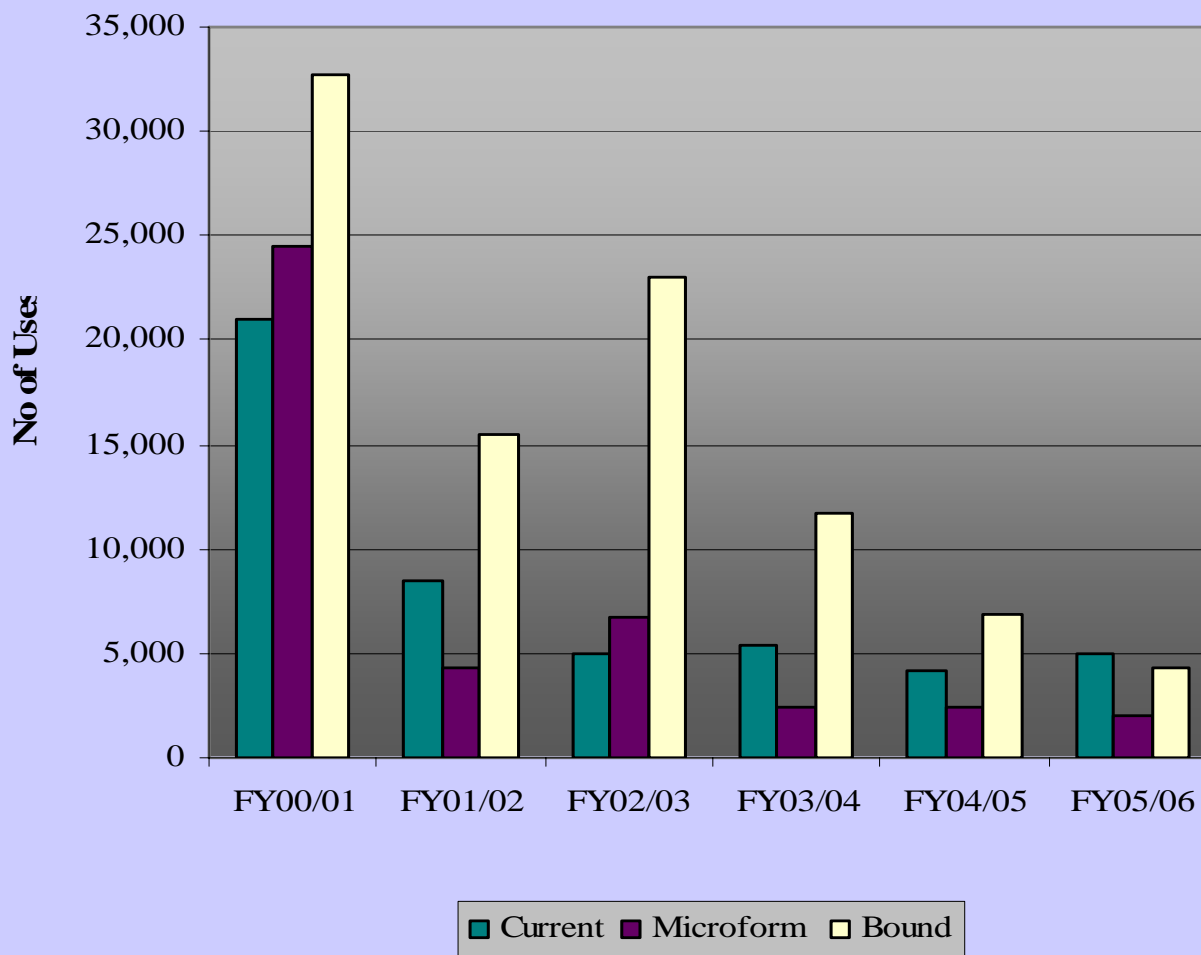
JMU Journal Subscriptions

JMU E-Journal Usage Statistics
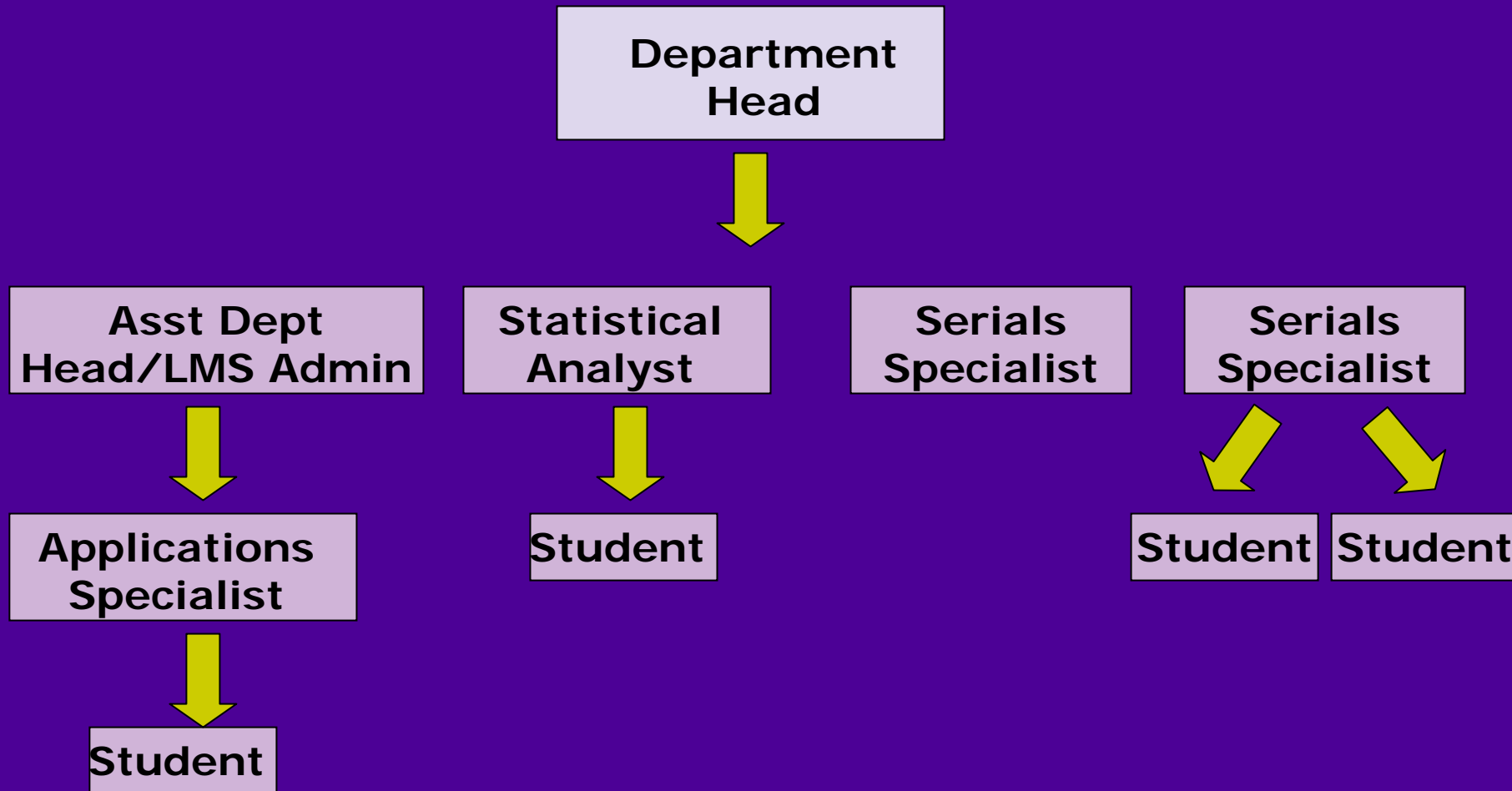
E-Journal Usage FY01-FY06

JMU Non-Electronic Journal Usage

In-House Journal Usage Statistics 2001-2006

JMU's Serial Department Today

What are the responsibilities of each position?

❑ Department Head

❑ Assistant Department Head/Library Management Systems Adminstrator

❑ Applications Specialist/Assistant LMS Administrator

❑ Statistical Analyst

❑ Two Serials Specialists

❑ Four Student Assistants

Now that we have a clear picture of where we are...

Where are we going?

Factors to Consider

1. E-resource management requires higher skill levels, including greater technical, troubleshooting, and problem-solving abilities.

2. Collaboration and communication between Serials and other library departments is essential to providing quality access and support for e-resources.

3. Effective e-resource management demands more staff attention and time than management of more traditional materials.

Factors to Consider

4. Open access and evolving scholarly communication models ensure that e-resources will continue to increase, but the future of funding and pricing models remain unclear.

5. Patrons want the simplest, most direct path to information.

6. Portability and convenience are increasingly important.

7. Technology continues to evolve.

For the Future

Continue to:

- ✓ Decrease time spent on print materials in favor of e-resources

- ✓ Improve efficiency and workflow for e-resource management

- ✓ Streamline statistics gathering and utilize information more effectively

- ✓ Evaluate and implement new technologies

- ✓ **Enhance patron access and services**

How Do We Get There or at Least Closer?

Our Ideas and Yours.....

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