

Providing Access to Electronic Journals in Academic Libraries

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- Catalogue ejournals using the single record approach

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- Generate a Web-based list from ejournal records in the catalogue
 - A-Z list
 - Subject list

Example of Subject Pages

Electronic Journals - listed by Subject

Search alphabetically by title

Search Ejournals by a More Specific Subject

[E-Journals FAQ](#) | [Citation Linker](#)

Subject Listing

Agriculture [255]	Library Science [192]
Architecture, Fine Arts [109]	Management [638]
Education [429]	Music [151]
Engineering [1278]	Philosophy [125]
General Works [134]	Political Science [224]
Geography, Anthropology [182]	Psychology [149]
Health Sciences [4976]	Recreation, Physical Education [54]
History [474]	Religion [88]
Home Economics and Human Ecology [206]	Science [2578]
Language and Literature [416]	Social Sciences [1596]
Law [1144]	Other [329]

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- Track changes to ejournal holdings
- OpenURL link resolver
- Metasearch
- Google Scholar & Open WorldCat

Questions on ejournal access
from the (near) past:

To catalogue or not to catalogue?

- Do we catalogue something we don't own?
- Can we catalogue ejournals using the tools we have?
- Do we have time to catalogue ejournals?

What about Web-based lists?

- A better solution than the catalogue?
- What is the best way to provide access through a Web-based list?

How can we make this easier?

- Web-based lists derived from the catalogue
- MARC records derived from lists

HELP!

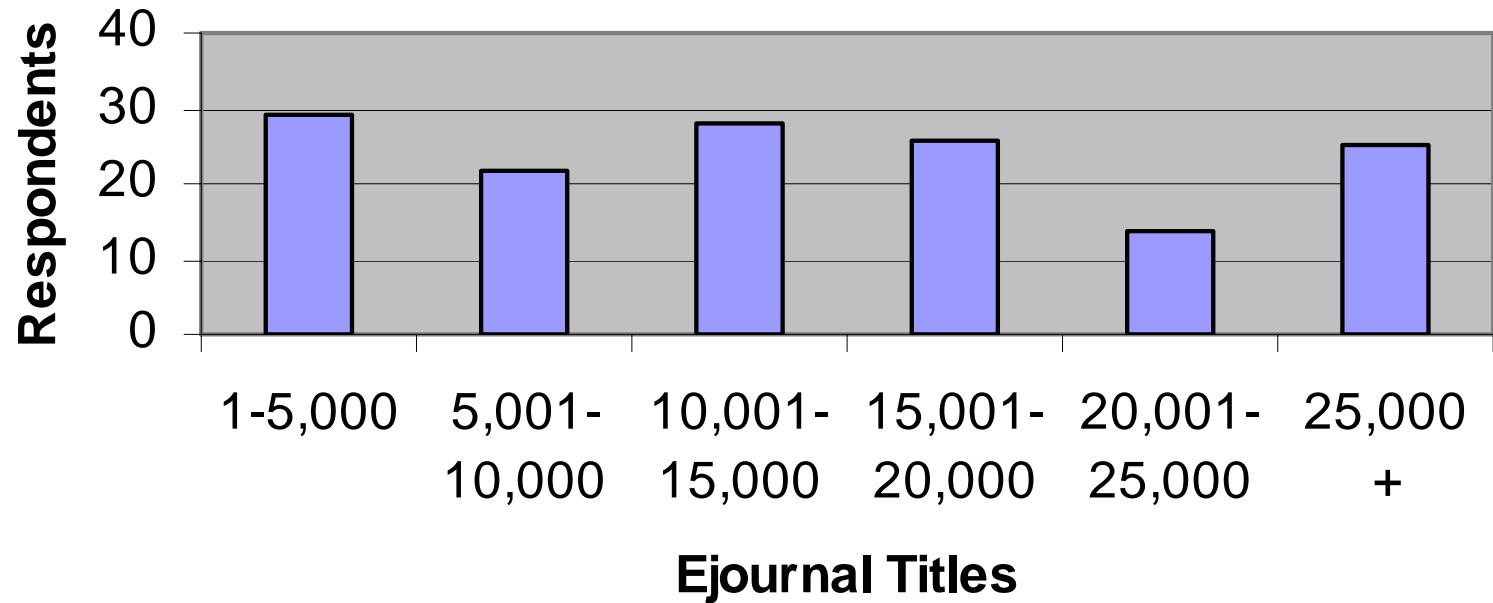
- Vendors could:
 - Provide us with Web-based lists
 - Help us manage our ejournal subscriptions and collections
 - Provide us with MARC records

(and vendors heard the cry)

Where We're At: Survey 2005

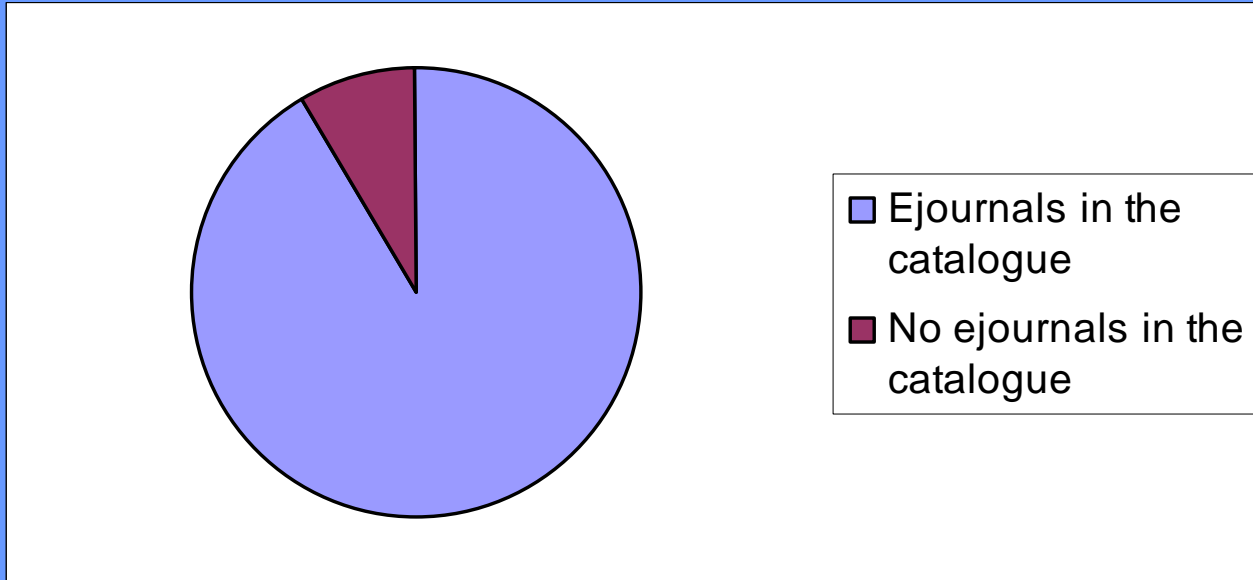
- Attempt to determine how other academic libraries provide access to ejournals now
- Made available online using SurveyMonkey for 2 weeks in October 2005
- Received 145 responses from 6 countries
- Results will be published in *The Serials Librarian* vol. 51, no. 3 or 4

Survey Response

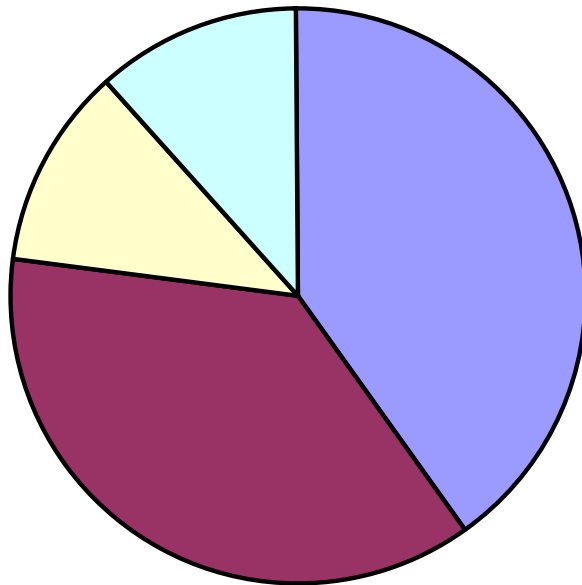


To Catalogue or not to catalogue?

- 92% of respondents have ejournal records in their catalogue

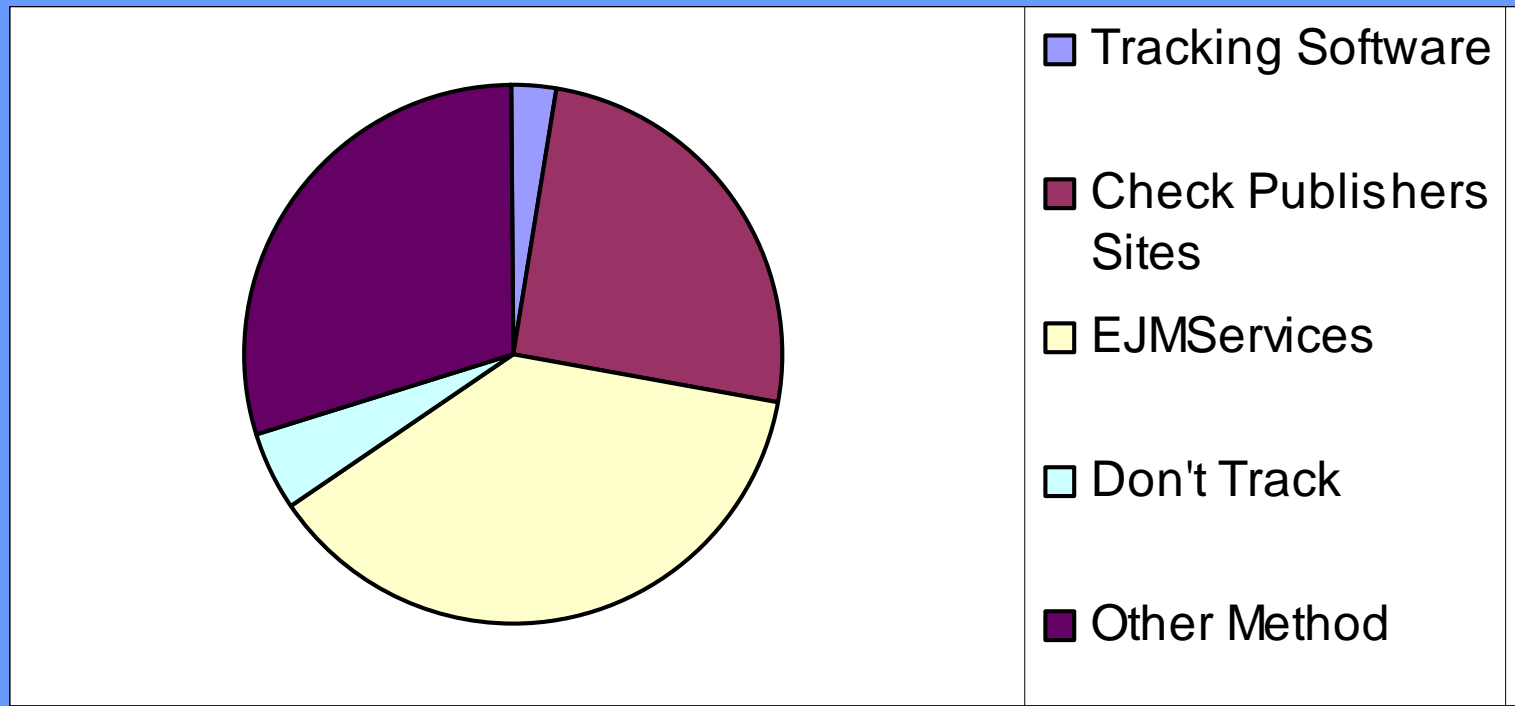


Types of Records in the Catalogue



- single records
- separate records
- brief records
- other

How Respondents are Tracking Changes to Ejournal Catalogue



Web-based lists

- 90% of respondents use a Web-based list or database of ejournals
- Title is the most-used access point for Web-based lists followed by subject

Help From Vendors

- 31% of respondents use records in their catalogue supplied by publishers/aggregators for ejournals
- 35% of respondents purchase records for loading to the catalogue
- 64% of respondents use a Web-based list or database supplied by a vendor

OpenURL Link Resolvers

- 74% of respondents use an OpenURL link resolver
- 55% of respondents include print journals in their OpenURL link resolver database

Google Scholar

- 32% of respondents with a link resolver supply their holdings information to Google Scholar



Metasearch Engines

- 30% of respondents use a metasearch engine
- 10% of respondents with metasearch engines don't catalogue their ejournals
- 5% of respondents with metasearch engines don't provide a Web-based list of ejournals

The Future

- To catalogue or not to catalogue?
- What about the Web (2.0)?
- How can we automate our procedures?
- How can the vendors help us?

References

Annotated bibliography available at:

<http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~oharalh/EjournalAccessBib.htm>