THE WELL-READ LIBRARIAN: ELECTRONIC DATABASE COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

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E-RESOURCE COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Electronic Collections Development. http://www.library.yale.edu/~okerson/ecd.html

Though several years old, this website (hosted by Yale University) offers links to policy documents regarding electronic collection development as created by various academic libraries.


This title, based on Kovacs’ previous Building Electronic Library Collections, covers how to build an electronic library, from selection to evaluation to purchasing. Kovacs breaks down selection by subject area, and offers guidelines for electronic library collection development.


This book provides a practical guide to librarians for dealing with various electronic media. The book is divided into sections, including electronic books and journals, development of electronic resources, what to buy and more.


Offers a comparison of online periodical databases, as of May 2001. Discusses several of the top periodical databases, including reviews of cost, drawbacks, coverage and provides recommendations for purchase.

E-RESOURCE PROMOTION AND EDUCATION


Discusses the need for libraries to educate all library staff about databases to which the library subscribes.

Once staff members know, understand and like the databases, they will take their knowledge to their patrons, thus increasing library usage.

Jenson, Jill D. “It’s the Information Age, So Where’s the Information?” College Teaching. 52, no. 3 (2004): 107-112.

Focuses on students who struggle with successful library database usage and what librarians can do to rectify it. The author discusses reasons for the lack of “computer literacy”, as well as “library literacy”, and offers practical solutions for assisting students in electronic research.


Contains various promotional ideas for electronic resources in libraries to boost return on their database investment. Discusses target audiences, promotional techniques, database accessibility and integrating databases into library OPACs.

FEDERATED SEARCHING


Defines and differentiates between the terminologies associated with single-search interface technology, discusses the automation systems that offer federated searching, and the advantages and disadvantages of the technology.


Discusses five of the most common misconceptions about federating searching in libraries, such as “federated search engines leave no stone unturned” or “relevancy rankings are totally relevant”.


Discusses both the advantages and disadvantages of federated searching. Compares various vendors who
offer federated searching, and defines what federated searching can and cannot do.

**TRACKING E-USAGE**


Shepherd details Project COUNTER (Counting Online Usage of NeTworked Electronic Resources), designed to give librarians a tool to measure e-usage accurately in increasing e-resource-reliant libraries.

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