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Faculty Council on University Libraries

Subscription Review 2024-2025

November 13, 2024



Subscription Review

Summary

- > **Reviewing subscriptions; target of reducing subscription expenditures by \$400,000,**
- > **Review of subscriptions in 2024-2025; most of the cancellations take effect January 2026,**
- > **Approximately 200 subscriptions to be identified for cancellation.**



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Alternative Access

- > **Alternative Access** methods for timely delivery of paywalled articles (e.g. ILL, Article Galaxy Scholar, Open Access (OA))
- > ~45% of articles published every year are Open Access (OA)
- > Libraries implementing **LibKey** to make discovery of OA content easier

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Budget Context

- > **Annual inflation on journal subscriptions remains at ~6%**
 - UW Libraries effective inflation is ~3.5% due to negotiated rates on journal packages
- > **\$400,000 is ~3% of ~\$13 million in subscription expenditures**
- > **Previous subscription reviews with Alternative Access**
 - Journals in FY22: ~\$900,000 reduction with ILL and Open Access
 - Elsevier titles only in FY23: ~\$600,000 reduction with ILL, Open Access and Article Galaxy Scholar



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Budget Context

- > Without regular subscription reviews or budget increases, the Libraries collections budget will be in deficit in 2-3 years
- > Flat budgets for the last two fiscal years

Budget increases by fiscal year				
FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$0



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Timeline

November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Announce Subscription Review• Gather and compile data for analyzing subscriptions
January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Librarians begin review of subscriptions and data
March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial list of subscriptions for cancellation posted to website• Librarians begin gathering feedback
June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Librarians begin reviewing feedback
August 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final list of subscriptions to be canceled identified



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Campus Communications

- > **Dean of Libraries updates to Provost, Board of Deans & Chancellors, Faculty Senate Chair**
- > **Presentation to Faculty Council on Research**
- > **Public web page published week of November 18**



Questions?

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