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E-Resource Usage Statistics
ALCTS CRS E-Resources Interest Group

• “Down for the Count: Making the Case for E-Resource Usage Statistics”

• Program from this discussion can be found at: http://connect.ala.org/node/103450

• Presenters’ slides can be found at: http://www.presentations.ala.org/index.php?title=Saturday%2C_June_26%23ALCTS_CRS_E-Resources_Interest_Group
E-Resource Usage Statistics

Doralyn Rossmann, Collection Development Librarian & Team Leader at the Montana State University Libraries and Leslie Czechowski, Assistant Director, Collections and Technical Services, at the Health Sciences Library System of the University of Pittsburgh

- Most ebook statistics are not COUNTER compliant, which makes comparisons between vendors and titles frustrating
E-Resource Usage Statistics

Monica Metz-Wiseman, Coordinator of Electronic Collections at the University of South Florida

• Used statistics and extensive analysis of the statistics against university data to push the pain of cuts to the provost

• Results?

• The Office of Patents and Research is going to help pay for some of the low use/high cost research resources
E-Resource Usage Statistics

Tansy Matthews, Associate Director of the Virtual Library of Virginia

• Use data, not usage statistics
• How do you generate a useful report?
  ✓ Look at your storage!
  ✓ Columnar data
• COUNTER, XML, and SUSHI make the gathering of the statistics easier
• SQL database with Access front end allows for easy production of charts and pivot tables
Local Systems and Services Committee (RUSA-MARS)

- Discovery Systems: Solutions a User Could Love?
  - Panel
    - Marshall Breeding, Vanderbilt University, Overview of Discovery Systems
  - Scott R. Anderson, Millersville University, EBSCO Discovery Service
  - Dale Poulter, Vanderbilt University, Primo Central
  - Ellen Safley, University of Texas at Dallas, Innovative Interfaces Encore

- Find notes from Annual’s discussion at:
  [http://connect.ala.org/node/104915](http://connect.ala.org/node/104915)

- Find notes from Midwinter’s discussion at:
  [http://connect.ala.org/node/92049](http://connect.ala.org/node/92049)
RDA at ALA Annual

• Resource Description and Access
• RDA 101
  o All-day preconference introducing RDA
• RDA Test Participants Forum
  o Overview of the formal U.S. National Libraries’ test
• RDA Update Forum
  o General summary of RDA
• RDA: What Cataloging Managers Need to Know
  o Impact of RDA on cataloging operations
E-books: Patron-driven Acquisition

It’s all about the user (mostly)

ebrary patron-driven acquisition for libraries http://www.ebrary.com/corp/librariesPatron.jsp
Netlibrary on demand http://library.netlibrary.com/PatronDrivenAcquisition.aspx
E-books: Readers and Downloading

Problems, Trends

Sidetrips

Outside the convention hall and into DC (Maryland, actually) . . .

Library of Congress high density storage facility

Photo from LOC website

Photo from John C. Grimberg company
Questions or Comments?

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