ROUTES THROUGH THE MAZE: DEALING WITH OVERLAPPING ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION

Types of Aggregates:

1. Large collections of journal titles: multiple publishers; variety of content. Examples: OCLC First Search
2. Aggregates of scholarly journals: multiple publishers; full text. Examples: JSTOR, MUSE
3. Publisher Packages: single publisher; full text. Examples: Springer LINK, Wiley InterScience
4. Hybrids: may have multiple publishers; and/or multiple content. Example: Elsevier's ScienceDirect
5. 5. Other...

Below is a brief survey about your library's strategies for electronic packages/aggregates:

1. Please indicate the area in which you work (check all that apply):

   _____ Reference _____ Cataloging _____ Systems _____ Acquisitions _____ Circulation

   _____ Collection Development _____(Other)

2. Type of library:

   _____ Special _____ School _____ Public _____ Academic _____(Other)

   Library Name:_____

3. Does your library... (please answer yes or no; if an item is "yes", please respond to subquestions):

   _____ catalog aggregates (as a single entry, e.g. "JSTOR") in your OPAC.

   _____ always _____ sometimes (explain:_____)

   _____ catalog each journal title within an aggregate in your OPAC

   _____ always _____ sometimes (explain:_____)

   _____ link from the OPAC to the e-resource

   (*I'd characterize my response to question 3 as:* ____ I'm certain ____ I'm pretty sure ____ I think so)

4. _____ Does your library have a web page separate from your OPAC that lists and links to the e-resources (please answer yes or no). If YES:

   _____ list and link aggregates from an electronic resources web page (e.g.: "JSTOR")

   _____ always _____ sometimes (explain:_____)

   _____ list and link each title within an aggregate from an electronic resources web page

   _____ always _____ sometimes (explain:_____)

   (*I'd characterize my response to question 4 as:* ____ I'm certain ____ I'm pretty sure ____ I think so)

5. Decisions about displaying or cataloging e-resources are made by:

   _____ an individual (title:_____)

   _____ a committee(s) (title(s): _____)

   _____ other (_____)

6. From my perspective, the greatest problem with aggregates is: