

The Resource Library as Host for an eResources Consortium

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Why and how did we do this?

The healthcare environment in 2000

- 9 metro hospital libraries
- Start of major e-purchases
- Available funding
- Cooperative spirit
- Formation of Louisville Medical Center (LMC)
- Students wanted access on rotation

What was the deal?

- UofL already committed funds
- Negotiate new deal with vendors
to include hospitals
- UofL continue same payments
- Hospitals divide the difference

Example –

- \$200,000 contract
- UofL paid \$100,000
- 5 hospitals divided remainder
 - \$20,000 each
 - Previously paying \$36,000 for less access

How did it work? Why such savings?

- Buyer's market
- No site licenses
- Simultaneous users/seats
 - No minimum requirement
 - Larger numbers from UofL often accommodated hospitals
 - Not all members bought all resources

Which resources?

Searching platforms, databases, fulltext journals

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Being Content with the Content

-compromise, consideration, and conflict

- Databases, journal collections, selected titles
- Mostly clinical support
- Databases easy
- Collections and selected titles more difficult

Nuts and bolts

-sometimes real nuts and bolts

- IT support
- Licensing and contracts
- Billing and payment
 - UofL determining costs
 - Complicated process for collection development
 - Invoicing and receiving payments – or not
 - University Accounting
- Statistics
- Renewal process

Where are we 10 years later?

What have we learned?

- Consortium still active
- Mechanics refined and somewhat easier
- Members come and go
- Spirit of cooperation long gone
- What happened to the hospital libraries?
 - In 2000 there were 9
 - In 2010 soon to be 3
 - Why? What happened?

Positives

- Really did expand access to literature
 - Students have core set of resources on rotation
 - Hospitals have more and better access
- Real clout with vendors
- Better understanding of hospital libraries
- Coordinated training and use
- More buying power
- Fulfilling our role as resource library

Not-So-Positives

- More work of library staff
- Resources don't always match our needs
- Some duplication
- What should have been a PR win, often took explaining
- Loss of hospital libraries