# ISTHE BIG DEAL RIGHT FOR A SMALLER UNIVERSITY LIBRARY?

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### **BACKGROUND**

- ▶ The University of Tulsa is a small, comprehensive university consisting of five colleges
- ► Current enrollment 3,343 undergraduate; 755 graduate; 335 law
- ▶ 2008 University self-study report for accreditation proposes new PhD programs over the next ten years
- ▶ Seven new doctoral programs added:

Chemistry Physics Anthropology

Computer Engineering Mathematics

Nursing Practice Nursing Practice/Anesthesia

### **COLLECTIONS BUILDING**

- ▶ 2008 Licensed Elsevier "Freedom Collection" (2,300 journals) plus Scopus
- ▶ Joined ESIG (EPSCoR Science Information Group) consortium
- ▶ 2010 Joined ESIG consortial deals for Wiley and Springer content
- ► Added many other e-journals, databases and e-book collections between 2008 and 2012

## **BUDGET CHALLENGES**

- ► Library fundraising strategies yielded small results
- ▶ 2012 University budget issues began to mount
- ▶ Other priorities for university's discretionary \$\$\$ emerged
- ▶ 2013 We began taking a closer look at the "big deals"
- ► FY16 mandated 4% cuts across campus
  - ► Reduced book budget by \$126K
  - ► Cut \$120K from print & e-journals and other e-resources
- ▶ 75% of our \$1.8 million e-resources budget now went to only 30 databases

## MORE BUDGET CHALLENGES

- ► Even more fiscal pressures in FY17
  - ► University-wide layoffs
  - ► Temporary cessation of university contribution to employee pensions
- ▶ Library would need to reduce collections budget by \$300,000
- ► Cancelled \$50K in other e-resources plus \$109K in print
- ▶ Major focus on the four publishers that accounted for 34% of our entire collections budget:
  - ► Elsevier (\$277,048)
  - ► Wiley (\$228,554)
  - ► Springer (\$83,259)
  - ► Sage (\$73,523)

McFarlin Library Major Publisher Journal Bundles, 2016							
Publisher	No. Titles	Total Spend	Ave. Cost/	No. Titles with 100+	No. Titles with 50 >	No. Titles with	No., Titles
	CY16	CY16	Download	Article Downloads	99 Downloads	≤5 Downloads	Remaining
Elsevier Science Direct	2,318	\$277,048	\$ 4.17	131	129	1,562	497
Wiley*	1,766	\$228,554	\$ 15.79	41	24	1,311	390
Springer	2,140	\$83,259	\$ 8.33	17	15	1,820	288
Sage	631	\$73,523	\$ 13.93	5	5	449	72
TOTALS	6,855	\$662,384		194	173	5,142	1,247
Journal Cancellations for 2017 - Major Publishers							
Publisher	No. Titles	No. Titles	Total Cost	Total Cost	Most Expensive	Least Expensive	
	Cancelled	Retained CY17	Retained	Reduction	Title Retained	Title Retained	
Wiley*	1,725	38	\$133,242	\$95,312	\$17,039	\$0	
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Springer	2,123	17	\$39,121	\$44,138	\$6,232	\$0	
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Sage	627	4	\$7,561	\$65,962	\$2,252	\$1,133	
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TOTALS	4,475	59	\$179,924	\$205,412			
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* Three Wiley titles originally earmarked for retention are only available as part of the total journal bundle.							
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# "JUST INTIME" AND "JUST IN CASE"

- ▶ Primary emphasis now on article delivery to the desktop fast where we no longer have a current journal subscription
- ► Changed interlibrary borrowing platform to RapidILL in April
  - ► Usage and results thus far are highly encouraging
  - ► Article fulfillment rate within 8-12 hours of order exceeds 95%
- ▶ Article purchase alternatives available from two commercial sources:
  - ▶ Reprint Desk's "Article Galaxy" service with access to over 40,000 titles
  - ► Copyright Clearance Center's "Get It Now" service with over 17,000 titles
- ▶ New journal subscriptions will be few and case-by-case until the university's budget situation improves
- ► The same holds for other e-resources