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To: Library Departmental Representatives
Academic Department Heads
Leadership Council
University Library Committee

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Subject: Library Collections Review & Cancellation

The UO Libraries has long grappled with the need to bring expenditures into line with available funding. Costs for scholarly journals have increased 8-10% per year (higher for law) while the UO Libraries' collections budget has increased 0-3% per year since the mid-1990's. Over the past decades, we have conducted several journal cancellation projects. The last cancellation occurred in 2005-06 when a strategic effort to target high-priced, lower-use titles published by Reed Elsevier resulted in a decrease in serials expenditures of approximately \$300,000. It was also necessary to reduce book expenditures by \$60,000.

We are once again faced with the need to do a comprehensive cancellation project. Although significant breakthroughs in the area of open access hold forth the promise for some relief, the UO Libraries continues to face a loss of purchasing power. This chronic problem is exacerbated by the current economic downturn. Projections indicate the need for \$1.2 million in reductions to be taken over the next two fiscal years (\$842,000 for 09/10 and \$350,000 for 10/11).

Between now and the end of May, we need your assistance in identifying the resources to be cancelled. Actual cancellations will take place starting a year from now. Library subject specialists will work with academic departments to implement the reductions in a manner that is least disruptive for research and teaching.

The Library recognizes that maintaining access to needed materials is a high priority and will work diligently with other libraries to collaborate and build strength through shared collections. In today's information environment, even the largest research libraries struggle to address the myriad needs of research and teaching. Instead, the hope of creating comprehensive collections rests in working with other institutions to use collective resources in the most effective ways and to create effective document delivery services.

As this process moves forward, please do not hesitate to contact me (dcarver@uoregon.edu) or Mark Watson (mrwatson@uoregon.edu) with questions or concerns.

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