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Beyond the paywall: Resource sharing in a disruptive ecosystem
The University of Alberta Libraries

- 38,000 students
- 15,000 employees
- 18 faculties
- 5 campuses
- 500 graduate prgms

- 2nd largest research library in Canada
- 8M+ vols; 5.3M titles
- 10 locations for library collections
- $25M (CAD) collections budget
"The modern state university has sprung from a demand on the part of the people themselves....The people demand that knowledge shall not be the concern of scholars alone. The uplifting of the whole people shall be its final goal. This should never be forgotten."

*Henry Marshall Tory, 1908*
Taking a Progressive Approach to Resource Sharing

- the traditional approach
- how we can do things differently
- increased benefit
Interlibrary Loan process
Building Resource Sharing Relationships

Academic/Government/Hospital Libraries

1990s - Shared ILS

2000s - Sharing Print Collections
Alberta Association of Academic Libraries

2012 - Working Group: Free resource sharing among AAAL members

2013 - Pilot Project

2015 - No change in requesting behaviour
Canadian Academic Libraries - National Resource Sharing Agreement
University of Toronto - Departure from National Resource Sharing Agreement

May 9, 2016

“I regret that the current economic climate means that we must recover part of the cost of lending materials.”

-Larry P. Alford, Chief Librarian, University of Toronto

Returnables: $0 to $15
Non-returnables: $5 to $15
University of Alberta - Commitment to National Resource Sharing Agreement

May 23, 2016

“The University of Alberta Libraries is pleased to announce...no charge for non-returnables effective July 1, 2016.”

Gerald Beasley, Vice Provost & Chief Librarian, U. of A.
January 2019 - Resource Sharing Working Group

Goals:

• Eliminate Fees
• Lengthen Loan Periods
• Allow Renewals
• Update Agreement
Special Collections material
"[b]ecoming active partners in shared resources programs is an essential step which will both strengthen the library as a whole and serve the interests of special collections themselves."

Hickerson & Kenney, 1988
2012: ACRL/RBMS Guidelines for Interlibrary and Exhibition Loan of Special Collections Materials

2013: OCLC Research report Tiers for Fears, Sensible Streamlined Sharing of Special Collections

2018: Big Ten Alliance PRINCIPLES AND PROTOCOLS for Interlibrary Loan of Special Collections Materials
Digitization Projects:

Tinctor’s Foul Treatise
UAL Historical Postcard Collection

Upcoming: English Playbills
Bruce Peel Special Collections

Controlled access to an out-of-print work for an approved purpose.

• Copyright
• Digitization
• Controlled Access
Controlled Digital Lending
Controlled Digital Lending

• digital equivalent of traditional library lending
• digitization of an owned print library book
• lend a secure digital version in place of print
• maintain an “owned to loan” ratio
Wiedrick Collection

- historical school curriculum materials
- opening up a hidden collection to the world
- tolerating risk
- enabling greater access
Ebook lending
Lending of licensed eBooks

- going e-preferred
- review of existing licenses
- negotiating terms going forward
- lending whole books
- NEOS eBook Lending Task Force
Shared print initiatives
Shared Print

- long term preservation and use
- commitment to lend to our partners
- Research and Collections Resource Facility

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Conclusion

• importance of partnerships
• accept some risk
• reduce barriers to information
• act for the public good
Thank you!

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