

Journal Aggregators From An Academic Library Perspective

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What We're Going To Cover

- A bit about me and more
- Why librarians like aggregators
- What librarians don't like about aggregators
- A few thoughts for journals

A Bit About Me And More

- Serials Librarian, Collections Services, Libraries and Cultural Resources, University of Calgary
- University of Calgary Press Journals Committee
- Presentation includes thoughts on aggregators from librarian colleagues

Why Librarians Like Aggregators

- Good indexing
- Good place to start
- Multidisciplinary
- One-stop shopping
- Can be core products
- Can be easy to use
- Familiar to many users
- Cost can be relatively low
- Often work well with other tools
- Can feature varied and interesting content
- Backfile access
- Backup
- Access to secondary resources
- “Bad times” access
- Persistent content
- Same search interfaces
- Value-added elements

What Librarians Don't Like About Aggregators

- **Currency**
- **No perpetual access**
- **Content can “go away”**
- **Embargoes**
- **Changing URLs**
- **Not all titles are fulltext**
- **Inaccurate title lists**
- **Odd date runs**
- **Lack of Canadian content**
- **Lack of persistent URLs**
- **Lack of illustrations**

A Few Thoughts For Journals

- Be non-exclusive
- There are benefits to having content in aggregators
- Will having content in aggregators affect subscriptions?

Questions? Discussion?



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