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Lightning talk

Economics of cataloging

How serials holdings management can affect interlibrary loan

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Start: OCLC Data Sync

- Compares library's bibliographic database against records in OCLC and manages the local holdings (LHR) on the matching records
 - institutional symbol is either confirmed, added or removed from records in WorldCat
- Prior to Data Sync, local serials holdings in WorldCat
 - represented solely at title level
 - pervasive format misrepresentation
- OCLC scans and deletes all the existing library holdings set over time in WorldCat, and reinstates them correctly

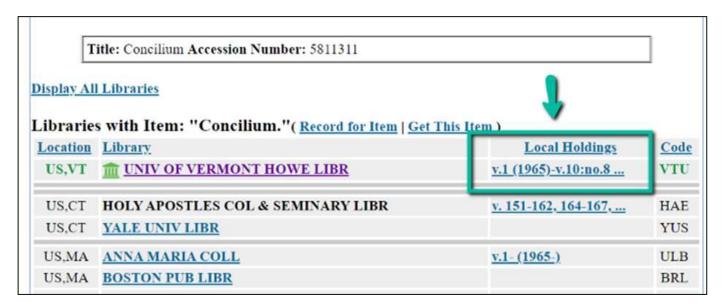
Library Holdings Records (LHRs)

- Set up as a separate collection in OCLC WorldShare Management Services (WMS)
- Local holdings statements are attached to the serials records in WorldCat
- Importance of ANSI/NISO Z39.71/2006 compliance

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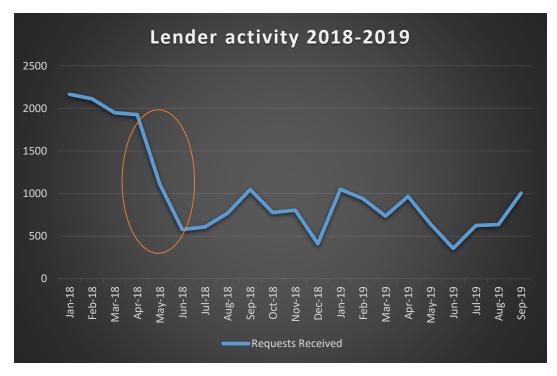
Implementation steps

- Uploading of LHRs for serials in print & microfilm
- Deletion of e-journals holdings from WorldCat
- May 2018:
 - 16,835 serials titles in tangible formats reported to OCLC

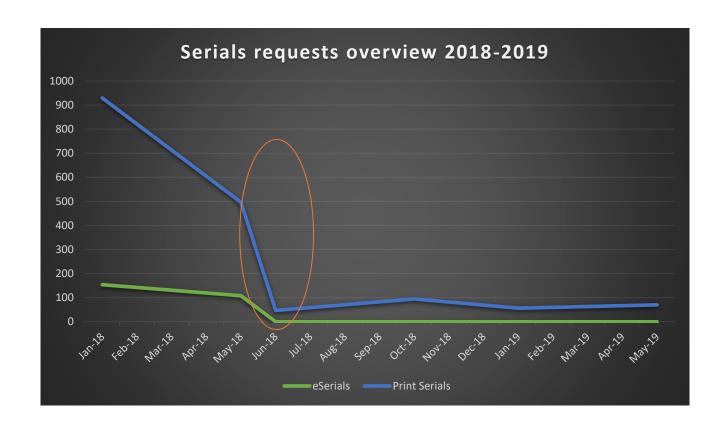


Impact of LHRs update on lender activity

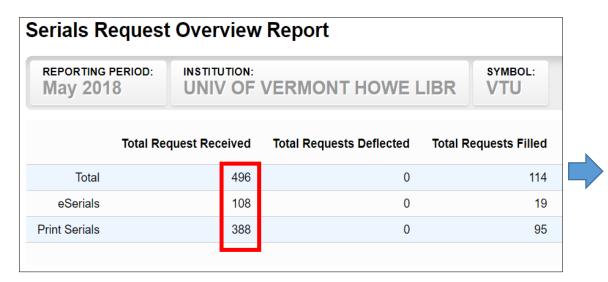
Requests for lending via OCLC coming from other libraries decreased dramatically

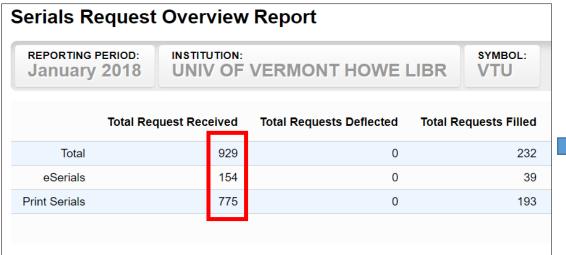


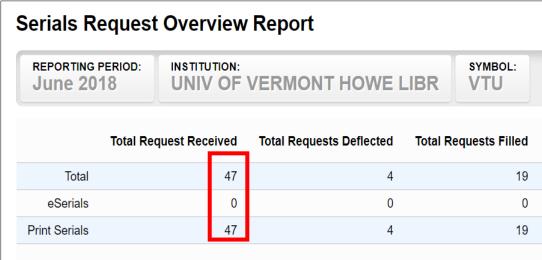
Evolution of lending requests for serials: electronic vs. print

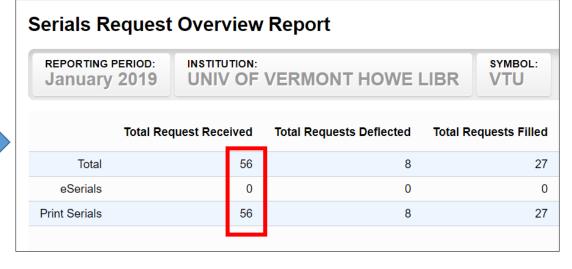


Before vs. after LHRs update



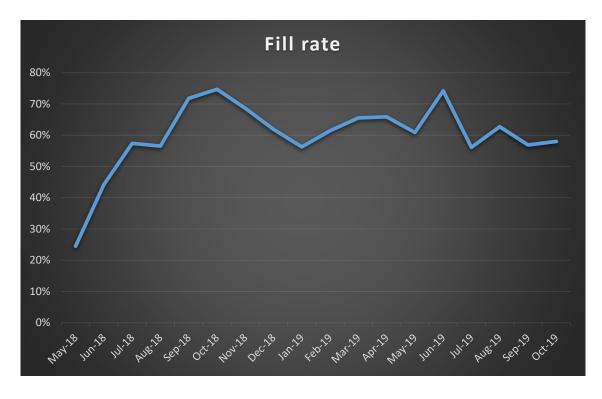






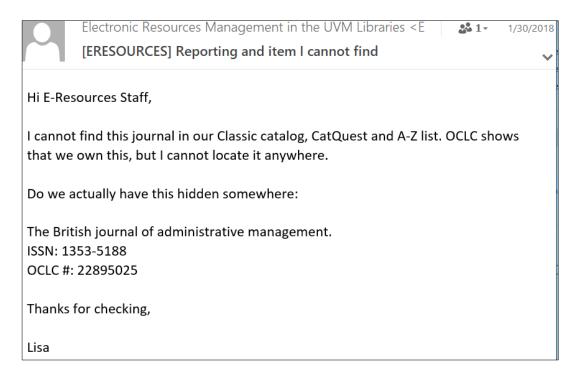
Fill rate for print serials

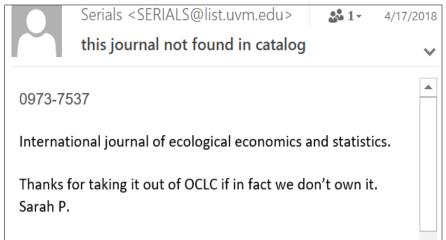
 Significant change in the fill rate for print serials requests received via OCLC



Added benefit: staff time saving

- Error-reporting procedure by ILL staff for holdings troubleshooting ceased
- Significant time saving for both ILL and Cataloging staff





Later development: Big Deal cancellations

- Elsevier's Freedom Collection cancelled in December 2020
 - lost access to issues after 2020 for 2237 e-journals titles
- Cancellation
 - immediate increase of the demand for borrowing articles from other libraries (+ pay-per-view, tokens)
- Conclusion
 - timeliness of LHRs implementation, repurposing staff time to deal with Big Deal cancellations

Credits

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