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# **E-journals for beginners**

**(or E-journals for Dummies©)**

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## *E-journals for Beginners*

- Introduction
- Financial Management
- Administration
- Access
- The Future?
- Questions



## *E-journals for Beginners*

- Bolton Institute
  - 15 miles North West of Manchester
  - Degree awarding since 1992
  - 7500 Students
    - Business, Management, SPLAT, Engineering, Computing, Health, Psychology, Education, Art & Design
  - 50% Part time or Distance Learners
    - North West of England, Isle of Man, Malaysia, Hong Kong/China



## *E-journals for Beginners*

- Introduction
  - Virtual stock
  - Labour saving?
    - New job roles
      - Serials Librarian
      - E-resources Co-ordinator
  - Cost Saving?



*E-journals for Beginners*

- Financial Management
  - Budget allocation
    - Serials budget
    - Balance/formulae
    - Inflation

## *E-journals for Beginners*



## Information provision 2000-01

(£ sterling)	Universities		HE colleges
	Old	New	
Bookspend per FTE student (inc. AV)	37.62*	26.44	24.94
Bookspend per user	26.79	23.23	21.87
Average cost of books (incl AV)	19.74	17.21	13.32
Periodicals spend per FTE student	72.42*	30.28	22.38
Periodicals spend per user	51.58	26.60	19.63
Average cost of periodicals	127.42	79.68	77.55
Spend on electronic resources per FTE student	11.47	10.73	9.17
Spend on electronic resources per user	8.17	9.43	8.04

**Users = students and academic staff (bodies) and external users**

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## *E-journals for Beginners*

- Financial Management
  - Subscription Renewals
    - Pricing
      - No-cancellation clauses
    - Timing
      - JISC Journals Working Group
    - Communication





## *E-journals for Beginners*

- Financial Management
  - Ordering and payment
    - Supplier advantages and disadvantages
      - Direct
      - Subscription Agent



## *E-journals for Beginners*

- Administration
  - Trials
    - The correct questions to ask?
  - Cataloguing
    - SUNCAT
  - Claiming



## *E-journals for Beginners*

- E-journal Access
  - Access points
    - WebOPAC vs. Web Pages
    - What do we have access to?
    - Jargon
  - Authentication
    - Athens
    - Beware the Proxy Server!!



## *E-journals for Beginners*

- How users discover E-journals

Database searching	42%
Library staff	41%
OPAC	28%
Colleagues	26%
E-journal Web page	10%
Library Publicity	3%

Print versus electronic journals: a preliminary investigation into the effect of journal format on research processes. Nila A. Sathe, Jenifer L. Grady, and Nunzia B. Giuse. *J Med Libr Assoc.* April 2002, 90(2), p235-243



## *E-journals for Beginners*

- E-journal Access
  - Licensing
    - Student body
      - Part-time
      - Distance learners
      - Franchise Students
      - SME partnerships
      - Walk-in Users



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- E-journal Access
  - IT problems
  - Disability awareness
  - E-journal Administrator
  - Standards



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- E-journals Access
  - Usage Statistics
    - COUNTER
      - <http://www.projectcounter.org/>
    - Cost per article download
  - Archiving
    - Model Licence, Current Deals
      - CD-ROM
      - Publishers Sites
      - Legal Deposit
    - E-print Archives
    - ScienceDirect backfiles



## *E-journals for Beginners*

- The Future
  - Impact of RSLG
  - Athens DA
  - Core Subscriptions + ?
  - Document delivery





## *E-journals for Beginners*

- The Future
  - E-journal management and control systems
  - Library systems
  - Embedding
  - E-books
    - Merging content



### *E-journals for Beginners*

- Financial Management Skills
- Purchasing
- Tendering
- Legislation/Legal Aspects
- Licensing
- Business Acumen
- Bibliographic Expertise
- Sound Office Practice
- IT Skills
- Problem Solving
- Technical Know How
- Economics
- Negotiation Skills
- Communication Skills
- Change Management
- People Management
- Knowledge of Publishing Industry
- Patience
- Sense of Humour
- Psychic Ability and/or Crystal Ball Owner

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- UKSG Seminars, Roadshows & Training events see <http://www.uksg.org/events.htm>
- lis-e-journals contact  
[lis-e-journals-request@jiscmail.ac.uk](mailto:lis-e-journals-request@jiscmail.ac.uk)
- Serials-eNews alert



## *E-journals for Beginners*

- Resources for Electronic Resource Management, Joan Conger
  - <http://www.arches.uga.edu/~jconger/ERIL/resources.htm>
- University of Leicester Electronic Journals Tutorial
  - <http://www.le.ac.uk/li/sources/subject3/ejournals/tut.html>

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# The Serials Management Handbook: a practical guide to print and electronic serials management

Tony Kidd and Lyndsay Rees-Jones  
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