USF Libraries’ Budget Realignment Strategy
Revisioning Library Services & Collections
USF Libraries
Budget Overview
(Tampa Campus)
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Library services and collections sustain the entirety of the “Architecture of Academic Excellence.”

Discretionary funds to support program changes (content or level) and faculty/student demand are no longer available.

Significant personnel downsizing, multiple consultancies and 15 years of continuous process improvement precede this reduction.

Library staffing is well below state peers and ARL target metrics.

Excessive focus on efficiencies have reduced resiliency and increased risk.
Subscription-based costs (97.2%) dominate the materials budget.

**Annual Subscription Cost Increases***:
- Reduce services to faculty and students (use vacant rate to cover increases)
- Limit capacity to grow the collection in concert with College programs
- Constrain innovations needed to meet qualitative ARL expectations

*3.5 - 6 percent annually
Guiding Principles & Summary of Anticipated Impacts
Guiding Principles

• **Support faculty resource needs by any means available.**
• Maximize control of the USF Libraries collection budget.
• Engage faculty in decision-making process whenever possible.
• End reliance on non-recurring fund sources.
• Refocus expenditures on ownership over leased access.
• Focus on USF needs over statewide impacts.
Now through December

Notify vendors/publishers that USF will be reviewing its current collection selections and will reacquire a subset.

November through January

Conduct a title-by-title analysis of our recurring collection.

January through March

Reacquire content based on the analysis in Step 2. Enhanced ILL/Document Delivery launched in January to bridge gaps.

March through May

Review and consider next steps on canceled content.
Strategy Requires Modification of “Big Deals”

Since the 1990s

- Packages “bundle” a publisher’s title list into a single subscription
- Often multi-year agreements
- Controlled costs:
  - Capped annual increases range from 3.2 to 6 percent
- Increased research efficiency:
  - Reduced burdens on library and central services
  - Minimized options to manage journal collections/selections

Now: Sustainability Challenges

Increasingly unsustainable

- Library budget flat for 13 years; increases funded by vacant rate and non-recurring cash
- Packages continue to grow without input from community
- Servicing the “Big Deals” fuel loss of non-journal content (e.g. books, data, media)
- Servicing the “Big Deals” reduce capacity to innovate with services
Research Process Impacts

Current Process

Research Begins → Search for Relevant Information Sources → Download Information w/o Restrictions → Evaluate Sources and Incorporate into Research

Future Process

Research Begins → Search for Relevant Information Sources → Determine Ownership
- May require ILL/POD
- Restrictions may apply (e.g. copyright, funding limits)

Make Request via Streamlined Online System → Potential Delay* (Max. 3-5 Days) → Assess Needs Against Limits

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Anticipated Impact on Research

Availability of articles via OA, aggregators, and permanently owned content.
Building Faculty Support

Modified existing services: OA publishing, TAP, oral history program, digitization, data management, and DMC program.

Staff from these units have been reassigned to:

• Collections & Discovery – to help us reacquire the most relevant content
• ILL / Document delivery – to support increased demand

Streamlined ILL / Document Delivery

Requesting Books and Articles

Three ways you can get materials:

Check USF Catalog
Please check the USF catalog before requesting materials from outside resources.

Borrow
For faster delivery of print books from other FL colleges and universities. Search the USF Libraries Catalog and click on the Borrow icon.

InterLibrary Loan / Document Delivery

Borrow materials from USF libraries, other libraries and have articles & chapters in the library scanned and emailed to you.

Have a USF NetID? Don't have a USF NetID?

Click the button below to log in using your USF NetID and password. First time users will be redirected to a registration form.

https://lib.usf.edu/ill/
For more information concerning the “Revisioning Collection Management” process, including access to data, collection analyses, FAQs, and guides to accessing materials through alternative sources, please visit:

https://lib.usf.edu/collections-and-discovery/revisioning/