How We Got Here…
(Tampa Campus)
The Backstory

Serials Crisis:
- Price inelasticity
- Publishers
- Growth in scholarly publishing
- Responsibility for preservation
- Platform development

Alternatives:
- Big Deals
- Open access publishing
- Article purchase models
- Unbundling the Big Deals
Why is it so hard to determine perpetual access?

- Owned versus leased content
- Sometimes 20 years of license agreements with changing terms
- Change in publisher models over time
- Titles move between publishers
- Backfile purchases
Brace yourself…

Schwarzkopf Coaster in Nuremberg, Germany
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Oxford Univ Press Journals

Contract expires December 31, 2020

Cost (2020): $68,759
Cost (2021): $72,884 (+6%)

Titles Owned: 97
Titles Leased: 261

Total Usage: 66,417 (2019)
Avg Use per title: 186
Titles with 100+ uses: 146

Avg. List Price per Title: $913
Avg. Cost/Article: $35
Sage Journals

Contract expires December 31, 2020

Cost (2020): $254,179
Cost (2021): $269,429 (+6%)

Titles Owned: 1,104
Titles Leased: 0

Total Usage: 144,499 (2019)
Avg Use per title: 131
Titles with 100+ uses: 377

Avg. List Price per Title: $1,169
Avg. Cost/Article: $38
Springer-Nature Journals

Contract expires December 31, 2020

Cost (2020): $500,494
Cost (2021): $530,523 (+6%)

Titles Owned: 1,569
Titles Leased: 0

Total Usage: 159,389 (2019)
Avg Use per title: 102
Titles with 100+ uses: 393

Avg. List Price per Title: $2,419
Avg. Cost/Article: $40
Principles

- continue support of faculty resource needs;
- maximize control of the USF Libraries collection budget;
- end reliance on non-recurring funding sources;
- engage faculty in the decision-making process; and
- refocus collection expenditures on perpetual rather than leased access.
Our Process

1. Inform
2. Evaluate
3. Price
4. Review
5. Notify
6. Communicate
7. Revise
8. Update
Cancellations Criteria

- Supports University goals, teaching, research
- Content and scope
- Experience with resource
- Cost and licensing

https://lib.usf.edu/collections-and-discovery/revisioning/library-resource-cancellations/
Statistics & Analysis

- COUNTER 4 vs. COUNTER 5
- Low vs. high use
- Cost per use
- Journal rankings
- Copyright clearance & ILL
- Coverage in print
- Perpetual access
- Coverage in other online resources
Let’s look at some examples...