

Value and Process Statement for Serials Review in the Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery

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The Albin O Kuhn Library & Gallery's responsibility is to enable and support the teaching, learning and research for the community of students, scholars and researchers at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. That is accomplished by promoting information literacy and critical thinking, encouraging discovery, and providing a collection of materials (both print and online) and the services necessary for teaching, learning and research. The Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery also provides a space for students to study together, make discoveries, collaborate on creative work and interact with faculty and staff.

While fiscally and logistically it would be impossible for the Albin O Kuhn Library & Gallery to provide all materials (both print and online) that teaching and research faculty would like to have, our goal is to provide the materials that are essential to the courses currently being taught and that support the research currently undertaken at UMBC. Our value is supporting the teaching, research, and discovery at UMBC by providing access to necessary materials. If we do not physically or virtually have the materials requested, we commit to providing access to these materials, either through inter library loan or direct purchase of articles.

Criteria for Resource Review:

- Identify what journals are core to the discipline, and core to what is currently taught and the subject of research, i.e. the importance to the academic discipline.
- Price, use, cost per use, and the impact factor of the journal as it is relevant to the discipline, also the availability of the journal in other sources such as in our UMBC and USMAI full-text databases
- For print titles consider if it is held by other USMAI libraries and if it is held as part of a shared MDL shared journal commitment.
- Determine what a realistic serials budget is for UMBC by comparing with peer institutions.
- Completion date – Due to the scope of the project it is anticipated to be completed by the end of FY21 with the work of the ad hoc committee completed by the end of FY20.

Action Items:

- Ask the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs to invite teaching and research faculty from CAHSS, CNMS, COEIT and the Erickson School to serve on an ad hoc committee to facilitate input from the departments in the colleges and schools on serials content.
- Coordinate sharing with each college a list of current subscriptions and ask for input on what is identified as needed and no longer needed to support current teaching and research.
- Solicit Departmental input on what the library should provide for the review, information that would help in decision making
- Establish a timeline and monitor progress.
- Upon completion of the work of the ad hoc committee, a comprehensive list of journals and databases will be compiled for the FY21 renewal cycle.

- Review the major current serial packages we have for relevance including those of Wiley, Sage, Elsevier (the Freedom Collection) and Springer
- To support transparency, provide a mechanism for sharing information for the campus by creating a LibGuide on the Library homepage for the project.

The purpose of this is twofold. First is to ensure that we have access to the proper content to support current teaching and research. The second is to develop an effective use of resources over the next five years that will accommodate annual serials inflation (6% - 8% per year) without needing to find money from other sources such as one time funds. This will involve continual monitoring to keep content cost within budget.