



Facing the Serials Crisis

Changing budget allocations in a
time of uncertainty

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The University of Wyoming



- 12,021 Undergraduate students
- 2,229 Graduate Students
- Land Grant Institution
- State's only provider of baccalaureate and graduate education, research and outreach services.

College of Engineering

- 1198 Undergraduate Engineering students
- 179 Graduate Students
- 79 Engineering Faculty & Academic Professionals



Engineering Departments at the University of Wyoming



- Civil & Architectural Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Atmospheric Science*



The University of Wyoming Libraries

Collection Development Process

- Department allocations
- Combined serial & monograph budgets
- Originally used factor-based allocation system
- History-based decisions became the norm
- Liaison-based system of communication



The Need for Change

- What is the cause of the budget crisis at the UW?
 - Library working with a flat budget
 - Serial inflation greater than the consumer price index
 - Allocations based on "history plus increment"
 - Allocations as "faculty money"