

ARL Statistics Webcast
Dec 4, 2007
Chat History

Mark Young (1:21:38 PM):
hello everyone, you'll be taken off of music hold at 1:30

Maureen+Landry (1:52:16 PM):
Many e-serials are significantly different than the print counterpart. Does ARL care that the resulting figures will be skewed?

Lynda+Clendenning (1:54:07 PM):
Will ppt be available to attendees?

Martha+Kyrillidou (1:56:02 PM):
the ppt is available on the same web page where the mailing materials are

Alicia+Miller (1:59:52 PM):
From Scott Pagel, GW Law Library: Only a very small number of law libraries catalog the contents of Lexis or Westlaw. Should titles be counted in that format anyway?

Maureen+Landry (2:00:01 PM):
What I mean is that we LC may not consider the significantly different e-resource to be the SAME as the print so would not want to count them as the same title

Alicia+Miller (2:00:14 PM):
If they are not, cataloged, ISSN's cannot be compared for deduping.

Alicia+Miller (2:01:22 PM):
Question 2 from Scott P: Some databases (CCH) contain DATA from looseleaf services, but do not actually contain those serials. How is data counted if titles but not subscriptions are counted?

Martha+Kyrillidou (2:01:46 PM):
As the Texas A&M slides show there are many titles that do not have ISSN so the deduped count will not be happening for 100% of the collection

Robert+Almony (2:01:54 PM):
MU does not use ISSN as an ID or key, for the reasons you have just explained. Databases require that every record must have a unique ID. ISSN won't qualify. We use our own IDs. L. Hunter Kevil

Birdie+Beckwith (2:08:58 PM):
is this the final session of the webcast?

Julia+Blixrud (2:10:59 PM):

You can count serial titles even if you do not catalog them. If the provider or vendor has an ISSN you can use them. Serial titles are different from volumes held -- volumes do require some sort of cataloging.

Rachel+Lewellen (2:11:47 PM):

ARL members can count ebooks "owned" and/or leased by their library. How does the ARL define owned? Does "owned" mean purchased? Does it mean the library provides access through the catalog, whether or not the ebook is purchased?

Julia+Blixrud (2:11:51 PM):

Birdie, we are only doing one webcast and it will be archived and made available for later viewing. There are still two workshops scheduled -- December 17 and 18.

Julia+Blixrud (2:12:14 PM):

Rachel, the short answer is yes.

Lynda+Clendenning (2:29:59 PM):

Is the de-duping required for this year? or does it start for 07/08?

Mark Young (2:30:26 PM):

de-duping is required for this year, to the best of your ability, Lynda

Joan+Gregory (2:30:48 PM):

Is there a way for branches to see the comparison between their data from previous year and current year?

Mark Young (2:31:06 PM):

yes, the same comparison appears for ALL branches created

Stephanie+aken (2:31:52 PM):

what about electronic titles from cancelled packages that still have accessible content?

Julia+Blixrud (2:32:32 PM):

Those titles can be counted. They are considered received, not purchased.

Karen+Darling (2:32:59 PM):

Are this year's preservation questions the same as last year and when will we receive the forms?

Mark Young (2:33:24 PM):

yes, preservation form is the same, and it is available on our website now

Joan+Gregory (2:34:01 PM):

thank you

Joan+Gregory (2:34:30 PM):

is that only seen by the primary contact? or will the branch contact be able to see that as well?

Mark Young (2:36:05 PM):

the summaries are seen only by the primary contact, joan. I understand some law/med libraries might want that permission, but they are part of the arl statistics, so we want the primary contact to have control

Robin+Zapata (2:38:15 PM):

There is a concern from our branches that deduping will decrease the number of serials in their individual collections since we can only count by title and not subscription. Is there any way to address their concern since they are paying for a subscription but it isn't counting towards their total serial count?

Martha+Kyrillidou (2:39:38 PM):

You simply have to find a balance among the branches - maybe distribute proportionately the counts of serials based on their contributions to the serial expenditures

Robin+Zapata (2:42:21 PM):

Can you explain why our serial count (from this presentation) is supposed to increase when we are deduping serials? It seems it should decrease instead.

Julia+Blixrud (2:43:08 PM):

Some of the libraries who tested it said their count increased because they were counting titles in packages that had not been counted previously.

Martha+Kyrillidou (2:44:13 PM):

There is also a type II error, i.e. for those titles that cannot be deduped, they are simply added to the count

Mark Young (2:45:36 PM):

thank you everyone for your questions

Martha+Kyrillidou (2:46:04 PM):

Thank you!