Using SFX to Facilitate Electronic Book Discovery

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A little poll...

- Your Library Catalog
- WorldCat
- Resource Discovery System
- Other webpages (i.e., Libguides, pathfinders)
- Link Resolver
A little bit about Milner Library

- Nearly 82,000 electronic journals
- 320,655 electronic monographs active in SFX
- 217 active targets, 188 include monographs
- 100,000 electronic books in the catalog
Why use SFX for electronic books?

- Why Not?
- Ranganathan’s Fourth Law
- Multiple Points of Access
- Impact of Local Practice
  - Can’t catalog every electronic book
- Impact of New Discovery Options
  - Is the catalog still the first place users go to find electronic books?
Discovery Systems

- **Online Catalogs**
  - Do you catalog every electronic book for which your patrons have access?

- **Resource Discovery Systems (EBSCO Discovery Service, Summon, Primo, etc.)**
  - SFX links users to titles from one content provider to another

- **SFX Electronic Book A-Z**
  - Provides a way to discover uncatalogued electronic books without searching a database or discovery system
Workflows
Electronic Book Packages

* When you buy every title in a collection
  - Sage Knowledge Encyclopedia collections
  - Project Muse Higher Education
* Configuration process same as for journal packages
* Title details are sent to the Cataloging Unit
  - If available, include links or information about obtaining vendor created records.
Single title, Firm Orders

- **Subject Librarian**
  - Selects books for ordering

- **Acquisitions Department**
  - SFX used for pre-order searching

- **Orders placed**

- **Vendor Activates Books**
  - Notices received by Electronic Resources Unit

- **SFX**
  - Book turned on in appropriate target

- **Cataloging Unit**
  - Details sent to staff doing electronic book cataloging
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**Background**
- First pilot Spring 2011 direct with Ebook Library (EBL)
- Second pilot Spring 2012 used YBP as carrier
  - EBL still the aggregator
  - Pilot became regular program due to timing issues

**Details (as of May 23):**
- 61,000 books active in the PDA
- 600 books purchased through the program
- 6932 unpurchased books used since April 2012
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Setting It Up

- SFX
  - Created a new target, EBOOK_LIBRARY_PDA_LCL for all titles active in the PDA
  - Staff use Dataloader for newly added titles

- Voyager catalog
  - New titles added from MARC records files sent from YBP
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- New books added to PDA account, Catalog records loaded
- New Portfolios Added to LCL Target
- Purchase Trigger Notice Received
- Portfolio in LCL target deactivated
- Portfolio in Original EBL target activated
- Activation Notice sent to Cataloging Unit
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Deleting Records

- Unpurchased titles can be removed at any time from the PDA account
- Monthly emails from EBL details any deletes
- Dataloader is used to deactivate portfolios
Is it Worth the Effort?

Yes!
SFX
and
Electronic Book Discovery
Milner Library SFX Requests

January 2013 - April 16, 2014

Number of Requests

Requests from EBSCO Discovery Service
Requests from native database
User Interaction
Publication Details For "Repositioning Shakespeare"

Title: Repositioning Shakespeare
Publisher Information: Taylor & Francis Ltd / Books
4 Park Square
Milton Park
Abingdon
Oxfordshire OX14 4RN
United Kingdom

Bibliographic Records: 12/10/1998
Full Text: 12/10/1998
Publication Type: Book
Subjects: Postcolonial Studies; Shakespearean Studies
Publisher URL: http://www.eBookstore.tandf.co.uk
Frequency: 1
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