

Meeting the E-Resources Challenge

Utilizing ERMS in Libraries

ALA Annual 2015

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ERMS: A Brief History*

1994–2004: Homegrown systems



2004–2014: Vendor systems
(and Open Source)



2014–2024: Integrated service platforms



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ERMI Guiding Principles

Print and e-resource management and access should be through an integrated environment

Information provided should be consistent, regardless of the path taken

Each data element should have a single point of maintenance

ERM systems should be sufficiently flexible to make it possible to easily add new or additional fields and data elements

ERMS: Key Players

Vendor Systems

- Alma (Ex Libris)
- Sierra (Innovative Interfaces)
- WorldShare Management Services (OCLC)
- Intota (ProQuest)
- Gold Rush (Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries)

Open Source Systems

- CUFTS (Simon Fraser University)
- CORAL (University of Notre Dame)
- ERMes (University of Wisconsin–La Crosse)
- OLE (Kuali)

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ERMS: Evaluation Form*

Functionality	Product
Integrates with existing ILS?	
Only enter basic data elements once?	
E-mail ticklers from one process to the next?	
Allows for multiple purchasing paradigms?	
Requires overhaul of current e-resource processing?	
Requires overhaul of current resource handling but has added benefits that make these changes worthwhile?	
Seamless end-user access from multiple starting points?	
Provides readily available messages about usage and outages to the end user?	
Based on DLF standards?	
Integrates usage-statistic information?	

Further Reading

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ALL the things?

An ERMS Cautionary Tale

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Objectives



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Why ERMS?

DO ALL THE THINGS!



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The Hope: an E-Resource Panacea

Centralize information about and processing of ER, including licenses, holdings, costs, usage statistics, and local notes

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Our Hopes, Circa '04



<http://imgur.com/gallery/803u2cg>

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Current Grade



B- / B

...but it's not the ERM's fault.



Bib Access Services in '04:

- Adequate staff support
- Homogeneous ILS components
- Few E-Resources to manage*

*yeah, it seemed like a lot at the time

ER Holdings in '04:



- ~2,000 ejournals
- ~500 ebooks
- ~50 integrating resources/databases

So What Happened?



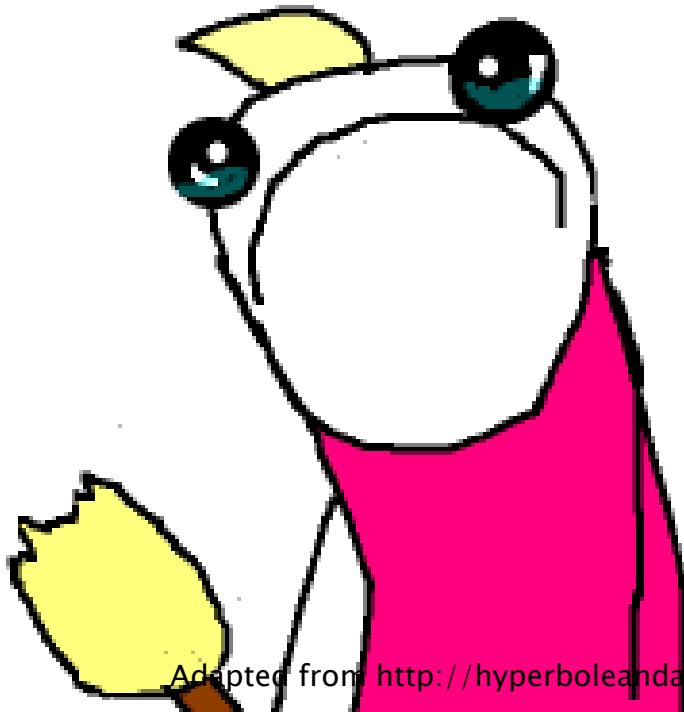
- Inadequate staff
- ER holdings explosion
- Tool proliferation

Additional Challenges

In brief:

- Two server migrations
- Campus web domain change
- Authentication change
- Discovery layer

ALL the things?



Alex, what is
“E-Resource
Management
Quixotism?”

CORRECT, for
\$2,000!

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About III ERM...



- Symbolic links
- Interface
- Robust user community
- Robust vendor partnerships

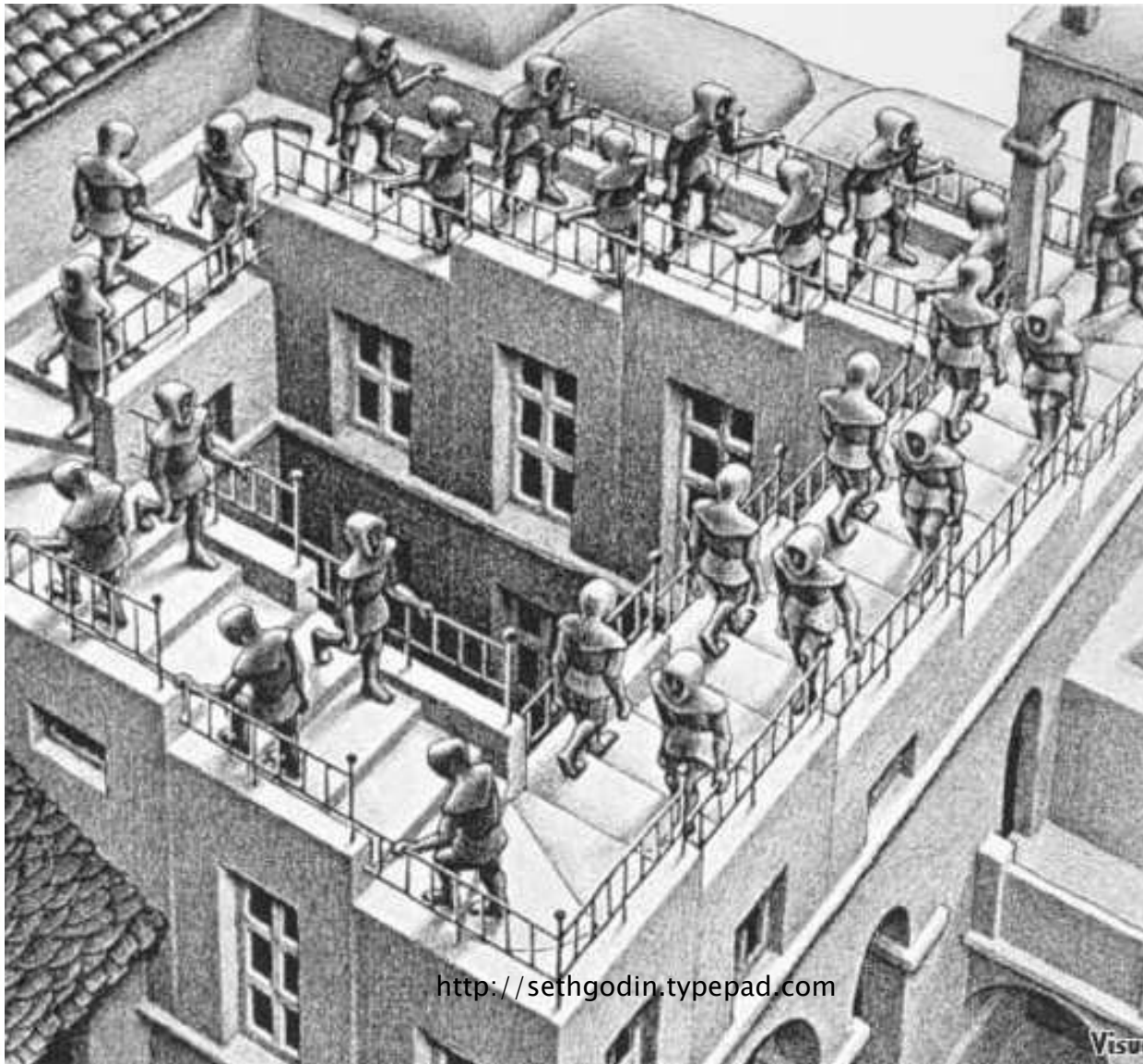
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User Needs

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UX data helps

Google Analytics
and Google Tag
Manager

<http://journal.code4lib.org/articles/10311>

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Currently Available Tools

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**Avoid silos
where
possible**

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Cataloging Treatment

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Format entwined MARC?

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What to Consider



Sustainable? Scalable?

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...and
CHANGE!

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MEETING THE E-RESOURCES CHALLENGE: UTILIZING ERMS IN LIBRARIES

Smith College Libraries and the journey to CORAL

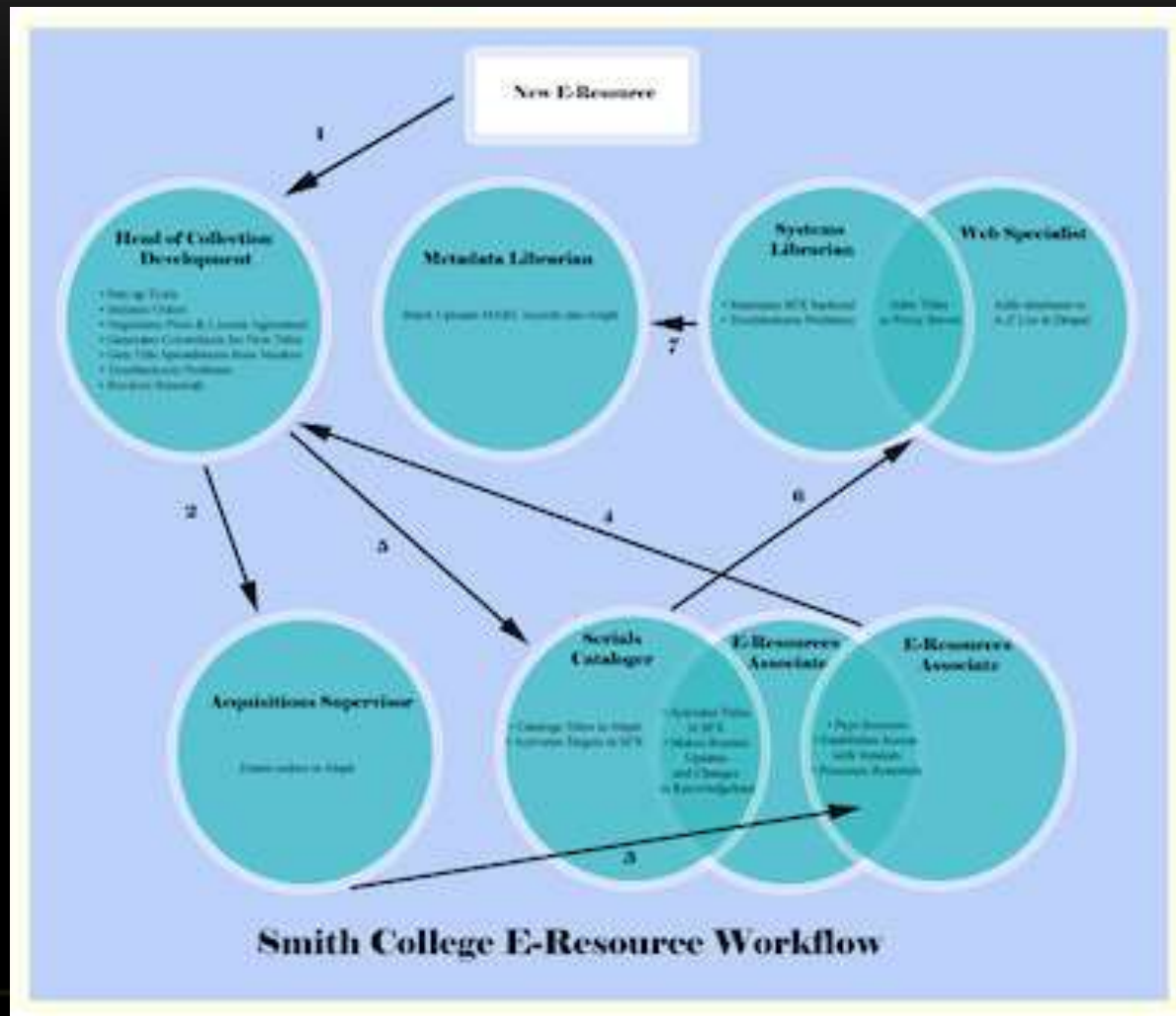
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Background: Smith College Libraries

- Private, 4-year, women's liberal arts institution
- 2,500 students
- Largest liberal arts college library—larger than many university libraries
 - 4 branches on campus
- Member of the Five College Consortium
- \$3.5 million collections budget
 - ~70% electronic resources
- Aleph, SFX, EDS

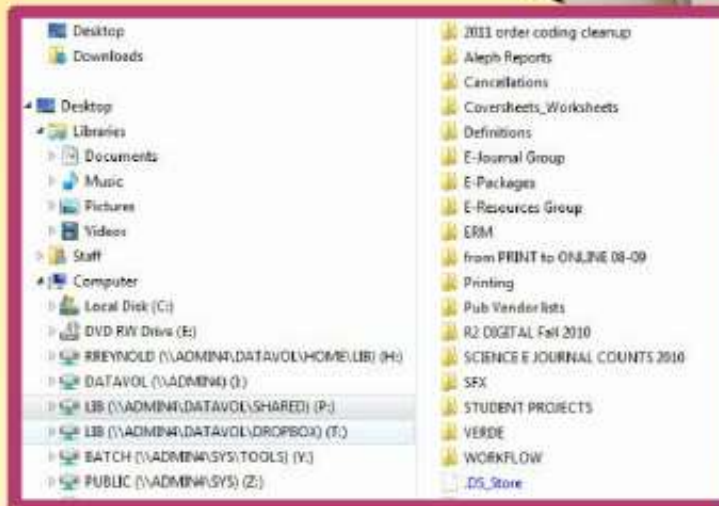


BACKGROUND



WHERE WE STARTED

Folders of ePackage
Information



P:/ Drive



Institutional Knowledge

Our GOALS for an ERM


- Streamline the workflow process
- Put less pressure on memory and sticky notes
- Have a more robust picture of each e-resource particularly packages
- Create a place to store problems and ongoing issues
- Avoid the dangers of email



OUR JOURNEY...

- Created a Google Site
 - With the college's move to Google Apps for Education and our creation of a shared email account this seemed like the best platform
 - Took stock of what information we wanted to collect and how
 - Followed an e-resource through its entire lifecycle to really assess workflow
 - Thought about some exceptions to the rule

GOOGLE ERM



ERM Display

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The Smith College Libraries site for managing e-resources.

[Post an Announcement -Share news and discussion topics for e-resources](#)

Discussion Forum

Paid Invoice for Package A After much ado, the invoicing issue has been resolved. I processed the invoice this afternoon.
Posted 3 hours ago by Rose Reynolds

Package A Invoicing Delayed posted Apr 17, 2013, 1:57 PM by Rose Reynolds
[updated Apr 17, 2013, 2:56 PM by Mimi Lempart]Vendor A invoiced us directly for 2013 on 12/27 ...
Posted 3 hours ago by Rose Reynolds




Package C Invoicing Delayed posted Mar 6, 2013, 9:05 AM by Rose Reynolds
[updated Mar 6, 2013, 2:38 PM by Pam Skinner]Vendor C initially billed us for four transfer titles. But ...
Posted 3 hours ago by Rose Reynolds


Package D -No 2013 Access From email to Sales Rep B:"Sales rep A said you'd be stepping in as our rep, at least temporarily. We subscribe to Package D, but have no 2013 ...
Posted 3 hours ago by Rose Reynolds

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OUR JOURNEY...

- The Google ERM was a step in the right direction
- BUT...
 - No structured data
 - No standardized fields
 - Not as flexible for non-package resources
 - Doesn't address the workflow of the resources

CORAL



<http://coral.library.umass.edu/smtcoral/>



Search

[new search](#)

Name (contains)

Provider

ISBN/ISSN

Fund

Acquisition Type

All 


Status

All 

Creator

All 

Resource Format

All 

Resource Type

All 

Record ID

General Subject

All 

Detailed Subject

All 

Starts with

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
PQRSTUVWXYZ

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ID ▲ ▼	Name ▲ ▼	Creator ▲ ▼	Date Created ▲ ▼	Acquisition Type ▲ ▼	Status ▲ ▼
539	Oxford University Press Scholarship Online: Classics Collection	Pam Skinner	06/17/2015	Purchase	In Progress
538	Elsevier Major Reference Works	Jenna Lanterman	06/04/2015	Purchase	In Progress
536	Bergey's Manual of Systematics of Archaea and Bacteria	Pam Skinner	06/03/2015	Purchase	In Progress
537	Wiley StatsRef: Statistics Reference Online	Pam Skinner	06/03/2015	Purchase	In Progress
532	Chinamaxx digital library	Glen Mahoney	06/02/2015	Renewal Subscription	Completed
534	Encyclopedia of Ancient History	Pam Skinner	06/02/2015	Ongoing Standing Order	In Progress
533	International Encyclopedia of Ethics	Pam Skinner	06/02/2015	Ongoing Standing Order	In Progress
531	JSTOR eBooks	Pam Skinner	06/02/2015	Purchase	In Progress
535	Wiley - major reference works	Pam Skinner	06/02/2015	Purchase	In Progress
519	Berkshire Dictionary of Chinese Biography	Pam Skinner	06/01/2015	Purchase	In Progress
521	Encyclopedia of Aesthetics, 2nd ed.	Pam Skinner	06/01/2015	Purchase	In Progress
522	Grove Dictionary of Musical Instruments, 2nd. ed.	Pam Skinner	06/01/2015	Purchase	In Progress
523	Oxford Companion to Classical Civilization, 2nd. ed.	Pam Skinner	06/01/2015	Purchase	In Progress
529	Oxford Companion to Fairy Tales	Pam Skinner	06/01/2015	Purchase	In Progress
524	Oxford Companion to Food, 3rd ed.	Pam Skinner	06/01/2015	Purchase	In Progress
525	Oxford Dictionary of New Zealandisms	Pam Skinner	06/01/2015	Purchase	In Progress



Oxford Companion to Classical Civilization, 2nd. ed.

Product

Acquisitions

Access

Cataloging

Contacts

Accounts

Attachments
(0 records)

Routing

Step	Group	Start Date	Complete
Licensing?	Pam	06/01/2015	mark complete
Add Order to Aleph	SER	06/01/2015	06/12/2015 by Jenna Lanterman
Pay Invoice	SER	06/12/2015	06/12/2015 by Jenna Lanterman
Activate access with Vendor	SER	06/12/2015	06/12/2015 by Jenna Lanterman
Write description and tag for subject pages	Pam	06/01/2015	mark complete
Add to Drupal?	Betsy		
Add to EZ-Proxy?	Eric/Betsy	06/12/2015	06/12/2015 by Betsy Sheirer
Activate in SFX?	SER	06/12/2015	mark complete
Catalog in Aleph at Title Level	Pat	06/12/2015	mark complete
Batch Load Records/Original Cataloging?	Lou	06/12/2015	mark complete
Check EDS for Availability	Rose		
Consult TLR about activation in EDS	Rose		
Notify Liaisons	Pam	06/01/2015	mark complete
Liaison Notification	Liaisons		

[restart workflow](#)

[mark entire workflow complete](#)

Workflow Setup

Acquisition Type	Resource Format	Resource Type		
Purchase	Electronic	any		
New Subscription	Electronic	any		
Additional Part	Electronic	any		
New Subscription	Electronic	Database		
Renewal Subscription	Electronic	any		
New Subscription	Electronic	E-Journal		
New Subscription	Print + Electronic	E-Journal		
Renewal Subscription	Electronic	Journal Package		
Renewal Subscription	Electronic	Publisher Bundle		
New Subscription	Electronic	Publisher Bundle		
Trial	Electronic	any		
Free	Electronic	any		
New Subscription	Electronic	Journal Package		
Purchase	Electronic	E-Book Package		
Renewal Subscription	Electronic	E-Book Package		
New Subscription	Electronic	Aggregator		
Renewal Subscription	Electronic	Aggregator		
Renewal Subscription	Electronic	E-Journal		
New Standing Order	Electronic	any		
Ongoing Standing Order	Electronic	any		
Test	Electronic	any		
Purchase	Print + Electronic	E-DVD		
Purchase	Electronic	E-Journal		

[add workflow](#)



My Queue

Outstanding Tasks

(89 records)

Saved Requests

(0 records)

Submitted Requests

(25 records)

Routing Steps

Activation

(1 records)

Cataloging

(1 records)

Confirm Access to Additional Material

(1 records)

DECIDE TO ORDER OR NOT

(3 records)

Do we Activate in Discover?

(3 records)

Licensing

(1 records)

Licensing?

(41 records)

Notify Liaisons

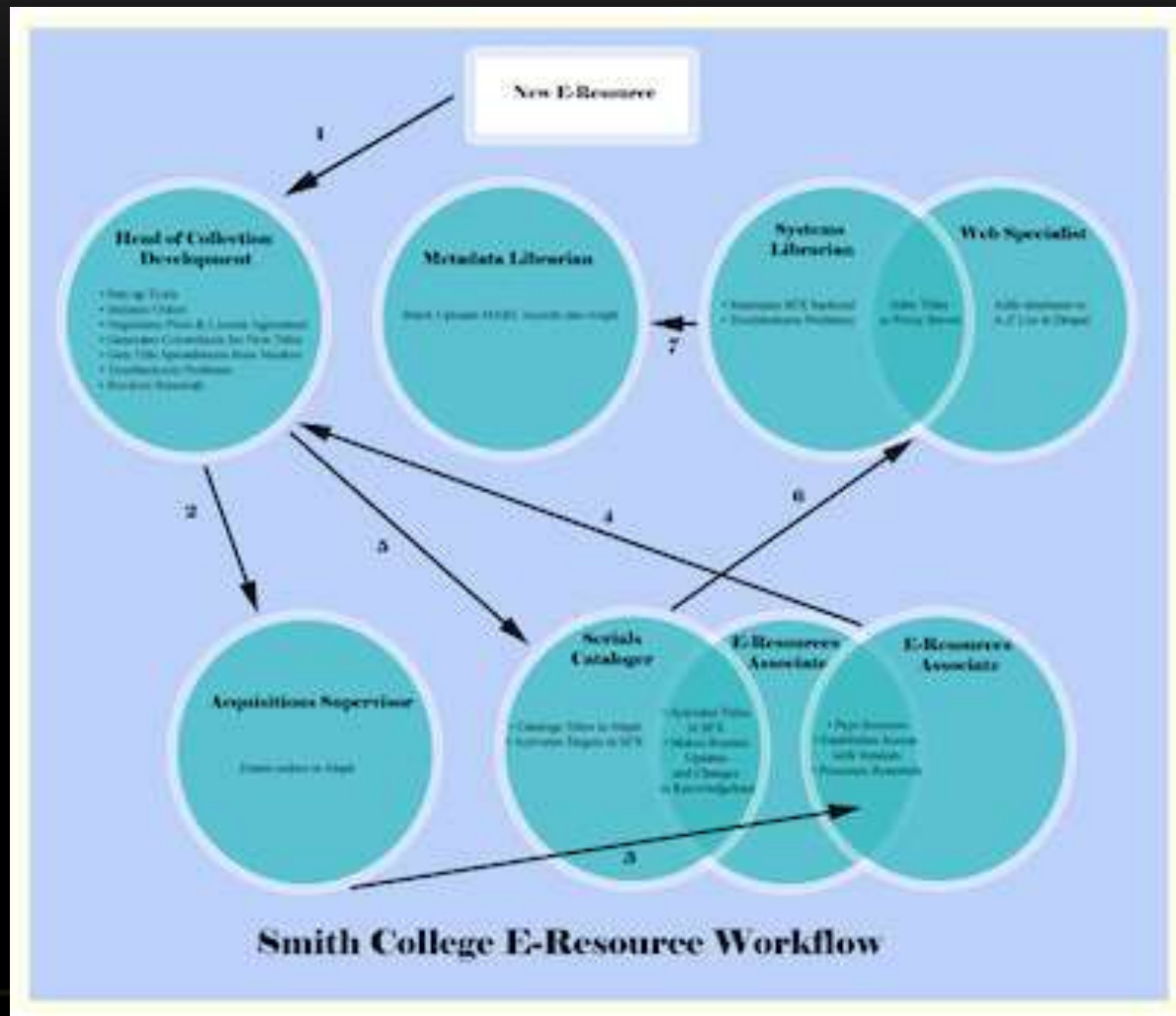
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Notify Liaisons of Trial

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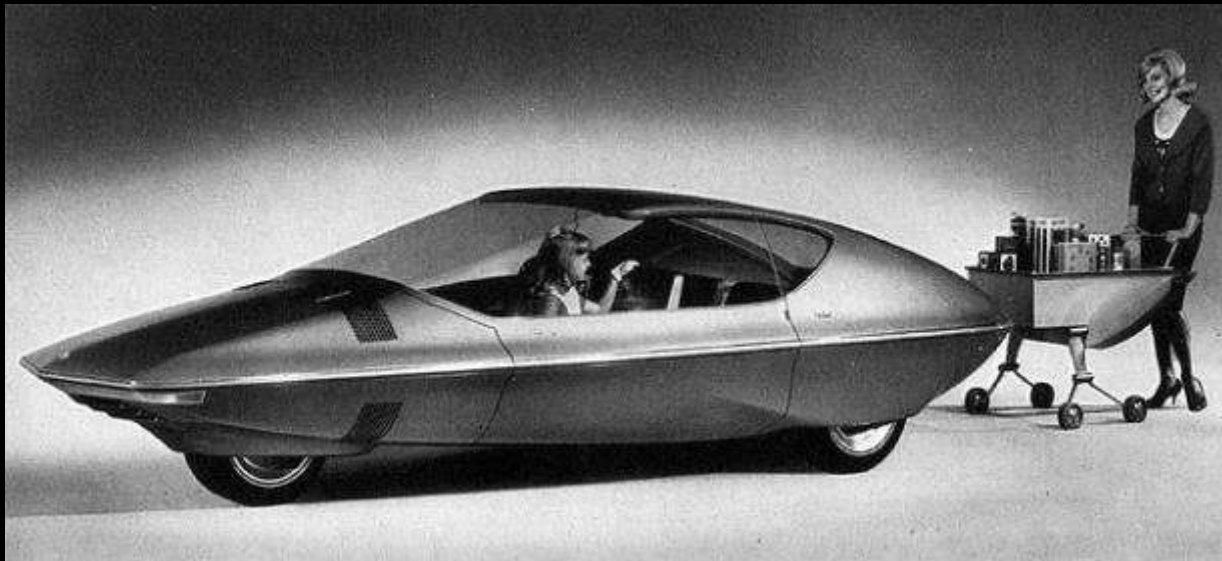
Additional Benefits

- Storing vendor contact information and updates
- Storing and linking licenses
- Potential for managing statistics
- Strong developer community always coming up with new ideas



FUTURE ERM INITIATIVES

- Developing Bootstrap version of code for CORAL
- Using YouRLS to streamline linking updates
- Potential for migration if necessary



BOOTSTRAP VERSION

CORAL RESOURCES

HomeNew ResourceMy QueueAdminModules ▾

Search

new search

Acquisition Type

All

Status

All

Creator

All

Hello, Rose Reynolds

logout

Resources

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Q&A

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