# How Are We Developing Future Electronic Resource Librarians?

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# Overview

01 Research on ER topics in MLIS curriculum

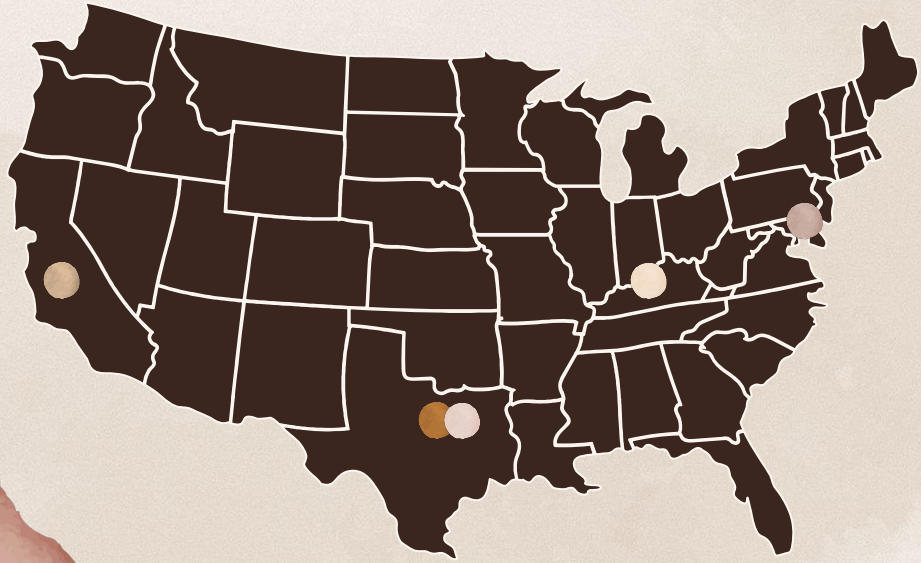
02 Skilling up

03 Taking the mystery out of the process

# Research Aims

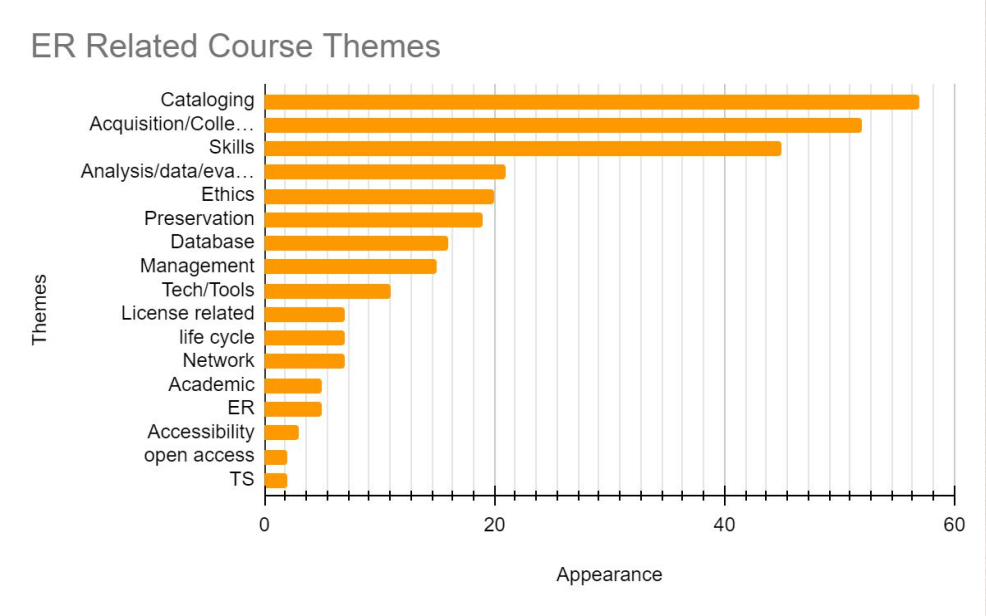
- Determine what classes, skills, and tracks related to Electronic Resources Management and Librarianship are currently being offered by ALA accredited library schools.
- Then through further research work, determine if current education is enough to be successful after graduation in the ER field.

# Programs with highest graduate numbers



- San Jose State University
- Simmons University
- University of North Texas
- Texas Woman's University
- Rutgers

# PREPARING THE DATA




## breakdown

- 222 courses available in top 5 programs
- 32 required courses
- 12 of those contained skills related to Electronic Resources Librarianship (ERL)
- That ratio (36%) is similar to total number of courses that contain skills related to ERL (83/222)

# Initial Findings

**Text Analysis using TERMS & NASIG Core Competencies of ER Librarians**

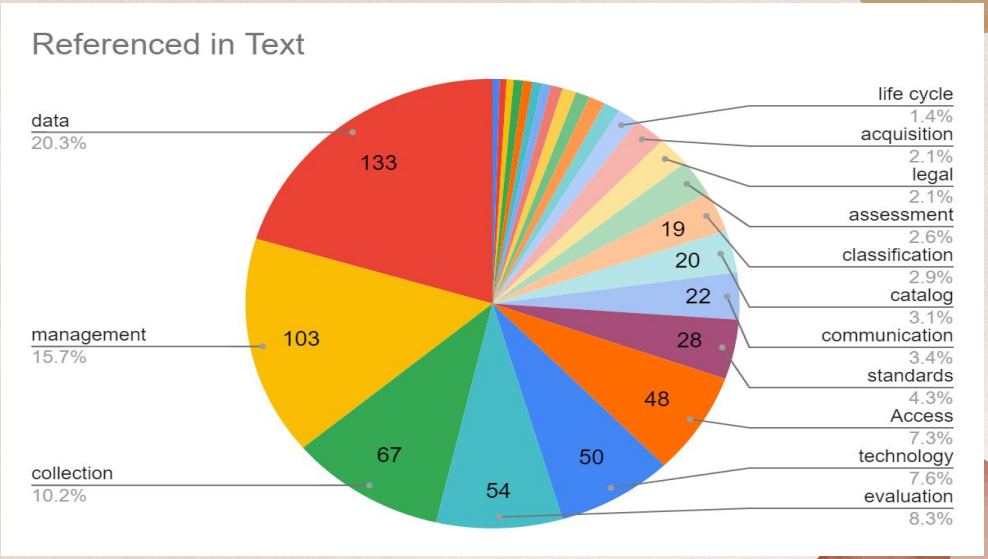
~half never mentioned at all

~19% had 2 or fewer mentions

1 mention of Electronic Resources (but only in relation to youth collections)

**Below not mentioned in any course descriptions**

Licensing, Life Cycle, OA, Copyright, Discovery Services, Proxy, SERU, OpenURL, & Troubleshooting



# Initial Conclusions

| MLIS Programs | Completions |
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| San Jose State | 733 |
| Simmons University | 281 |
| University of North Texas | 270 |
| Texas Woman's University | 211 |
| Rutgers | 196 |
| TOTAL | 1,691 |

Yielded only 12 required courses that touch on ER skills

Only 37% of all courses give the opportunity to learn about ERM

# 02

# Skill Building

Building skills post MLIS & training others

# Developing your skills

## Professional Development

UKSG Licensing Seminar, MLIS schools offering post degree or professional courses, Core Webcourses & CE

## Shadowing & Mentorship

Approaching ER librarians, ALA, Core, & Local/regional Mentorship

## Documenting & Creating

When in a role, I found updating procedures to help me understand what and why we were doing things, Also allows others after you to understand better as well!

## Hands on Exp

The well known one: Actually getting to do the work

# Replacing Mystery with expertise!

# Working with others

## Share

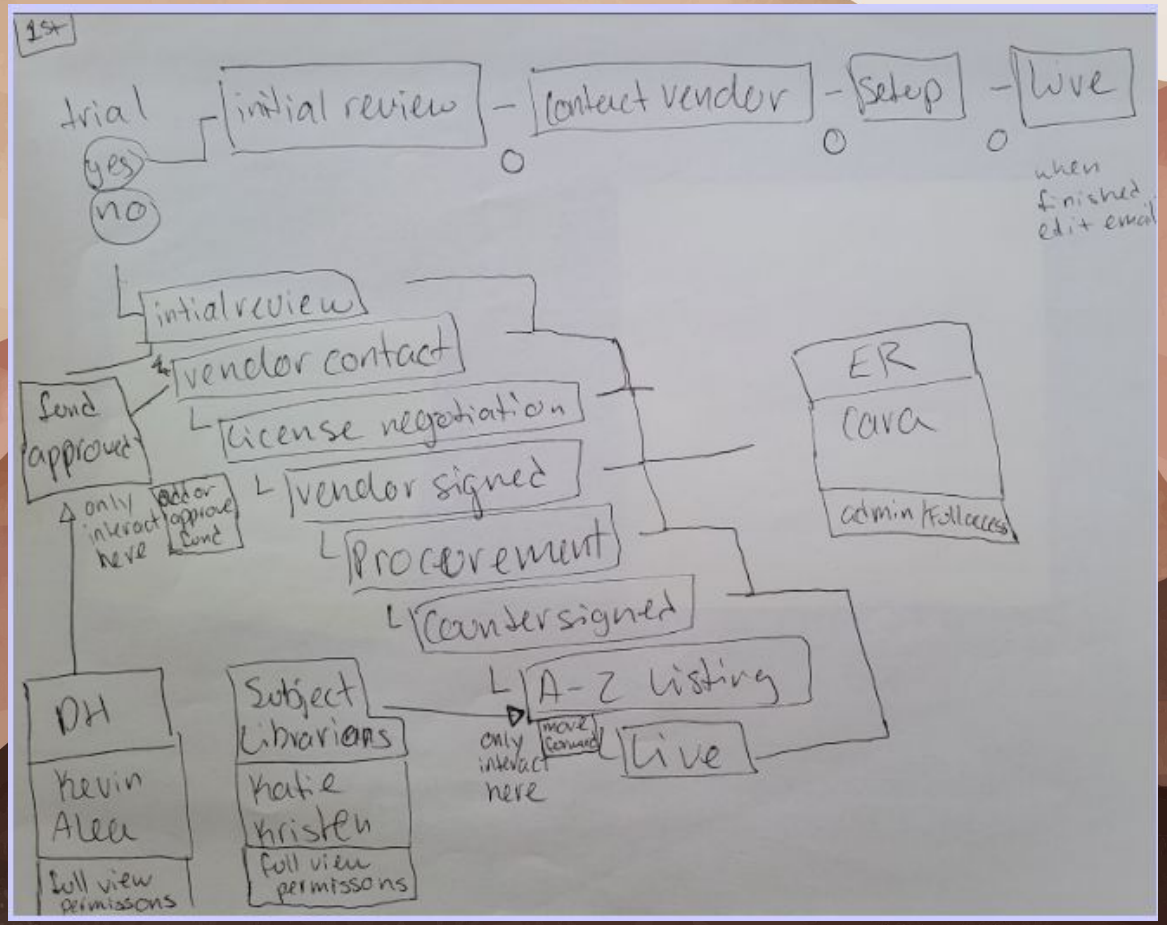
Incorporate others early when developing processes

## Communicate

provide feedback stops, let others know why or why not adjustments are made, & hit up all your constituencies

## Iterate

Allow flexibility to adjust as new suggestions or opportunities come up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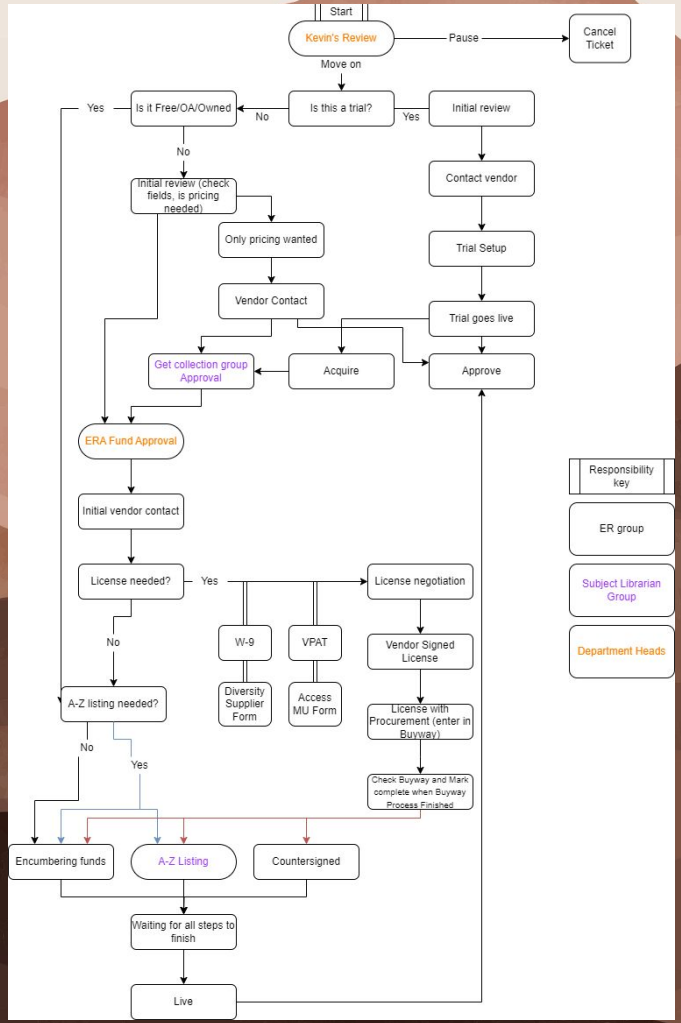
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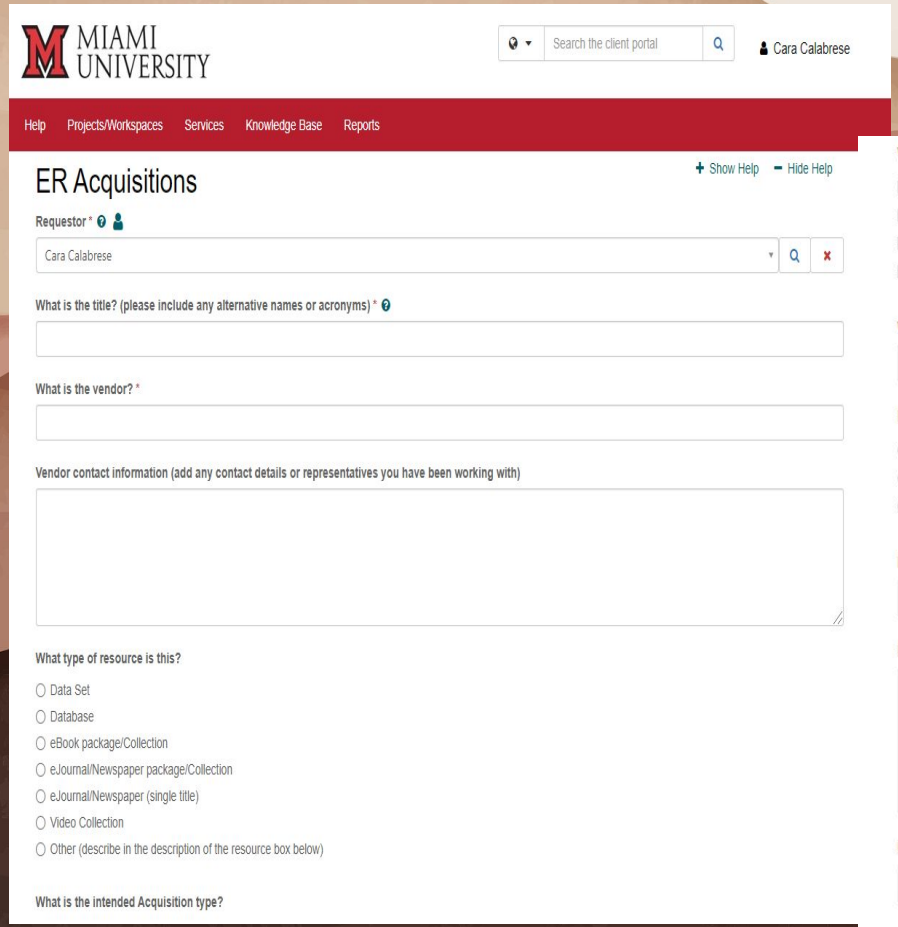
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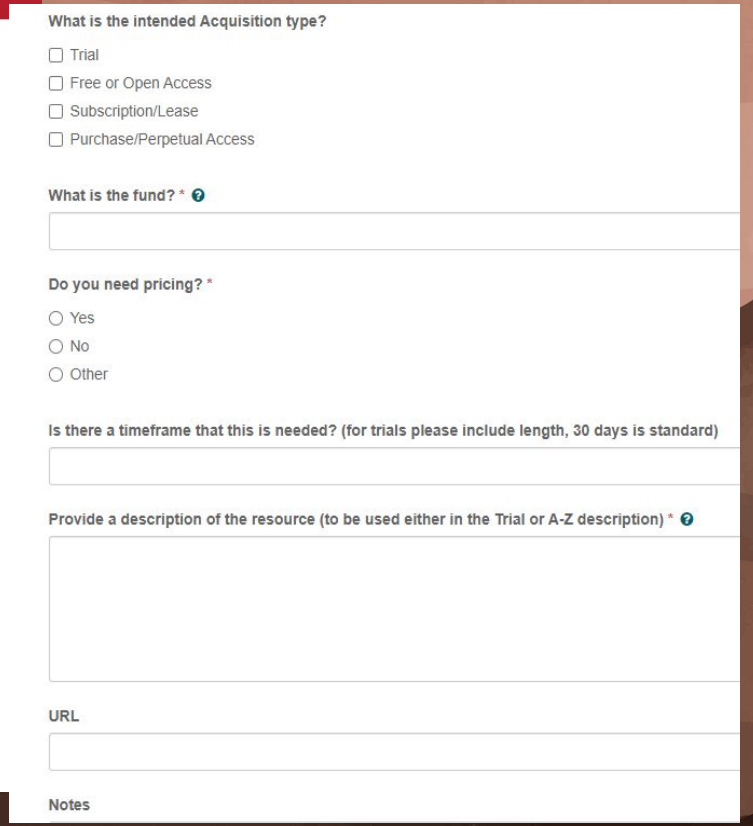
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