

# CSU Libraries: Subscriptions and Elsevier Negotiation Update

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## Agenda

1. CSU Libraries Collections Investment
2. Academic Libraries Materials Costs
3. CSU Libraries Subscription Costs
4. Elsevier Negotiation 2020
5. Faculty Support Needed

## CSU Libraries Collections Investment: \$9.18m

Institutions	% of CSU Collection \$*
Iowa State Univ	110%
Michigan State Univ	225%
North Carolina State Univ	132%
Oklahoma State Univ	90%
Purdue Univ	173%
Texas A&M	280%
UC, Davis	97%
UIUC	227%
Univ of Tennessee	175%
Virginia Tech	115%
Washington State Univ	89%

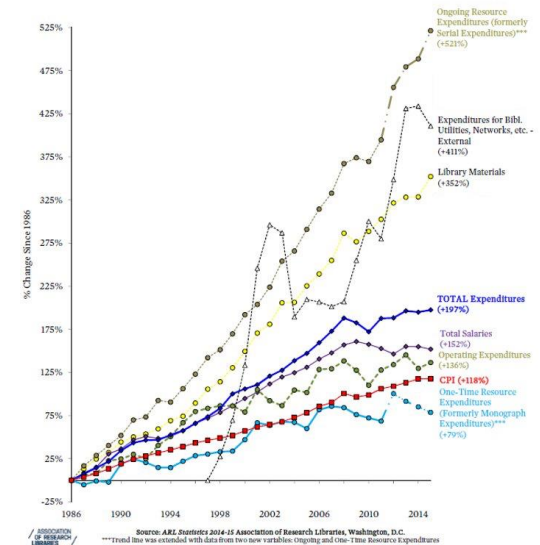
\* Association of Research Libraries, Investment Index, 2019

## Academic Research Libraries Materials Costs

### 1986-2015

- Journals (Ongoing Resource Expenditures): +521%
- Databases (Expenditures for Bibl. Utilities, Networks, etc. - External) : +411%

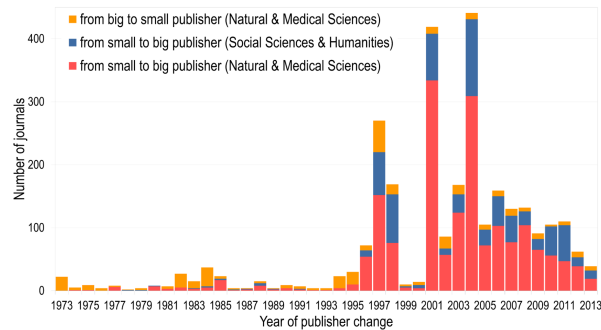
Expenditure Trends in ARL Libraries, 1986-2015



Source: ARL Statistics 2014-15 Association of Research Libraries, Washington, D.C.  
\*\*\*\*Trend line was extended with data from two new variables: Ongoing and One-Time Resource Expenditures

## 5 Publishers Control more than 50% of Articles Published

Larivière, V., Haustein, S., & Mongeon, P. (2015 June 10). "The Oligopoly of Academic Publishers in the Digital Era." *PLOS One*. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0127502>



**Fig 2. Number of journals changing from small to big publishers, and big to small publishers per year of change in the Natural and Medical Sciences and Social Sciences & Humanities.**

## CSU Libraries Subscription Costs

Vendor	Consortia/CSU Contract	Number of titles	Cost FY2019
Elsevier	CARL 2016-2020	2276 (Freedom Collection + selected additional titles)	~\$2m
Sage	CARL 2018-2020	1073 (2018 fixed list) + selected additional titles	~\$250,000
Springer	GWLA 2020-2023	(Consortial 2020 fixed list 1582) + selected additional	~\$550,000
Taylor and Francis	CSU	Purchased title by title as needed: 317	~\$450,000
Wiley	GWLA 2019-2021	1506 (Database model)	~\$1m

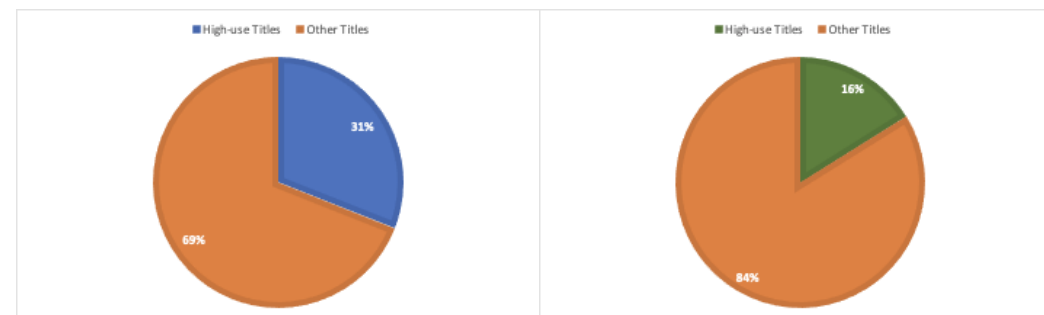
## Elsevier Negotiation: Current State

- Elsevier Journal contract 2016-2020 through the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries (CARL)
- Since 2005, CARL has had a series of 3 or 5-year contracts with Elsevier for the *ScienceDirect Freedom Collection*. Additional journals outside of the package have been added.
- Number of titles w/access: Freedom Collection 2259 + 17 additional = 2276.
- Number of titles w/perpetual access: 428 (based on list from 20 years ago)
- The inflation rate was 4% for years 1-3 then 3.75% for years 4-5.
- CSU-FC Spend FY19: ~\$2m

## Elsevier Negotiation: Journal Usage

700 journal titles represent ~80% of usage across CARL

368 titles represent ~70% of CSU usage



## Elsevier Negotiation: Peer Experiences

- Keeping Freedom Collection like [University of Washington](#)
- Canceling Elsevier journals entirely, switching to a [pay-per-article model like Florida State University](#).
- Canceling the Elsevier bundle of journals, and switching to a [pay per journal model like UNC-Chapel Hill](#)
- Failing to reach a deal, so that for a time, articles published starting 1/1/21 will only be available via interlibrary loan. This happened with the [University of California system](#).
- Adding a new pay-to-publish [open access model](#), though only small institutions with limited authored articles have so far been successful in this negotiating this approach.

## Elsevier Negotiation: Possible Outcomes

GOAL: Reduce overall costs and limit yearly inflation increases

Through Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries (CARL)

1. Keep the Freedom Collection but move to access only model
2. Define shared list of around 1,100 titles w/access only

*CSU can add to either of the above with additional titles and perpetual access to specific titles.*

3. CARL fails to reach a contract by January 2021, then,
  - a. CSU and CU systems work on contract,
  - b. CSU subscribes to specific titles (w/Pueblo) on institution contract, or
  - c. CSU provides access only by article request payments and or InterLibrary Loan (like Univ. of California)

## Faculty Support Needed

- Input on titles for access and perpetual access if we go to a title by title/ model
- Support if we fail to reach a deal – Possible Faculty Council statement
- Lobby societies with which you are affiliated to provide open access or low-cost models
- Deposit your work into an [open access repository](#) and foster the use of [open access](#) materials, especially if you are a tenured researcher.
- If you are on an editorial board, advocate for a change to [OA](#) or resign from editorial roles with publishers known for excessive [charges and inflation rates](#).
- Publish your work in the many excellent [open access](#) and/or low-cost journals. Your peers, librarians, and various helpful sites such as [this](#) can help you avoid predatory publishers that have, unfortunately, popped up in recent years. Remember, you and your peers decide what is quality in your fields.
- Examine tenure and promotion criteria and reliance on journal publishing industry

# Thank you

