



## MiALA Annual Conference 2019

Mi-ALA 2019 Annual Conference  
Facilitated Discussion, Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 10:00-10:45 am

Collaborative Collection Strategies in Budget Tightening and Resource Sharing Environments

Presenters: Matthew Buckley, Saginaw Valley State University, Mike Hawthorne, Wayne State University, Helen Levenson, Oakland University (Moderator), Katherine Mason, Eastern Michigan University

1. What are your perceived needs for collaborative collection development due to tightening budgets and rising resource costs? How concerned are you about your collections budget?
2. What are the collaborative collection development strategies you have implemented? If none, what have been the inhibiting factors to doing so?
3. What are the successes and/or drawbacks to collaborative collection development that you have encountered?
4. Are there readily identifiable best practices of collaborative collection development strategies that can be uniformly applied?
5. What are the future directions and challenges inherent in collaborative collection development? What do you think is the most important challenge to collaborative collection development?
6. How are your libraries responding to open access (OA) initiatives? Is this the panacea to budget restrictions? How do you evaluate OA resources?
7. How do you reconcile the varying collection development needs amongst drastically different academic libraries, i.e. public university libraries of differing sizes, private university libraries of various types, etc.?

8. How do you incorporate all the different resource formats (ebooks, streaming video, ejournals, other digital resources) into collaborative collection development?
9. How do vendor monopolies (i.e. Elsevier) affect collaborative collection development efforts? Has your institution dropped Elsevier, or do you plan to do so? Do you plan to drop any other big deals?

Other discussion topics:

Discussion of the panelists experiences with the Michigan Shared Print Initiative (MI-SPI) and GreenGlass for Groups (G3) and how it has opened the door to collaborative collection development. Wayne State University's experience with journal collection sharing.

Experiences of the Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA) and can elements of that consortium work for Michigan academic libraries? If so, which elements would have the greatest chance of success and why? Which elements would be most problematic to implement and why?

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The Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA) consortium is involved in shared electronic resources and cooperative collection development, among other activities. Although membership mostly consists of large research libraries, libraries of all types and sizes are affected by budget cuts, publisher pricing and OA models. Wayne State University has been a GWLA member since 2018.

Facilitated Discussion Takeaways:

1. Collaboration and innovation is possible--at beneficial costs for all involved parties.
2. Looking at other models is good--challenge of adopting these other models to variable institutions.
3. Reality--current access and ILS models complicate the path forward.