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The Ex Libris Products User Group, UK and Ireland

AGM 4th May 2021

Questions & Answers with Ex Libris

12:00 – 12:25

Question 1

Could ExLibris give us more detail about why they are removing publisher open access collections from Alma eg Elsevier, Royal Society of Chemistry?

We prefer the open access journals to be in separate collections so that the links are not EZProxied and also we can set the open access collections to auto activate new open access titles as they become available. Royal Society of Chemistry Free Access Content content can be found in Royal Society of Chemistry Journals.

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Question 2

Not so much a question but rather a request for Ex Libris, ProQuest, OCLC and EBSCO to meet to discuss the workflows for the creation, sharing, enrichment and maintenance of metadata for the knowledgebases.

Library facilitated talks would be timely as Jisc Plan M initiative is currently considering metadata licencing - the existing restrictions on re-use are responsible for gaps in coverage and poor quality records. This makes it difficult to manage resources and more importantly impacts on the UX. Time for us all to move on?

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Question 3

Is there a minimum standard for CZ records?

I have encountered records with very common titles such as "Collected poems", but lacking basic information, for example author (see (CKB)3800000000209397 ; ISBN 0-375-70941-X).

Is there any work under way to bring CZ records up to a functional condition?

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Question 4

What are ExLibris doing to help us manage e-text collections?

e.g. inclusion in the Community Zone. We are increasingly buying e-text books from suppliers such as BibliU and Kortext.

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Question 5

Could we please have an update on whether Ebsco / Gobi content available for purchase is likely to ever be visible in Rialto?