Centralizing Effective Electronic Resources Assessment: Successful Collaboration Leading to Innovations

Lenore England, Digital Resources Librarian
Barbara J. Mann, Assistant Director for Public Services
University of Maryland University College

Purpose

- Annual evaluation to ensure current electronic resources meets needs of current curriculum.
- Collaboration between all areas of the library to ensure comprehensive and cohesive assessment.

Design/Methodology/Approach

- Use of centralized site, ERM Evaluation Central, to effectively and efficiently manage diverse evaluation processes and activities (http://www.ittybittyurl.com/g4m).
- Includes established, standardized criteria used annually for assessment.
- List of possible resources to keep, substitute, or discontinue.
- Standardized communication plan to distribute and explain process to academic departments via library liaisons.
- Feedback is added to ERM Evaluation Central, providing a centralization of information.

Conclusion

- Central site continues to evolve
- LibGuide form aids in ease of use
- Ensures curriculum support
- Provides buy-in from both library and academic departments
- Critical part of strategic planning and assessment for ERM and curriculum
- Especially applicable for:
  - LibGuides format
  - Limited staff and budget

More Information