There is no way of getting all you want.

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Today's agenda
- Overview and introductory questions
- Case study: PromptCat at Bates
- Case study: Audiobooks at Bowdoin
- Case study: Videos at Bates and Bowdoin
- Case study: Marcive at Bates and Bowdoin
- Case study: AAS at Bates
- Case study: Netlibrary at Bowdoin
- Conclusions and your questions

Introductory questions
- What are vendor-supplied records?
- What is the rationale behind using vendor-supplied records?
- Is our staff ready for vendor-supplied records?
- Which projects/programs/materials are suitable?
- How can we measure the quality of vendor-supplied records?
- What tweaking can or should be done to records?
- What systems issues must we resolve before we are ready to accept vendor-supplied records?

What are vendor-supplied records?
- Records supplied with acquired materials
  - Would you like bibliographic records with that
- Records created for you by contract workers
- Records created en masse by you with information supplied by a vendor/publisher/aggregator
- Records created by anyone that isn't your staff...
- Records you paid for...
**Why use vendor-supplied records?**

- New curricular/programmatic needs
  - focus on just-in-time rather than just-in-case
- Material resources pressures
  - growing budgets
  - planning for “gifts”
  - backlog reduction
  - new formats, with non-standardized distribution chains
- Human resources pressures
  - contracted services budget vs. personnel budget
  - staff retirements
  - responsibility creep

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**Is our staff ready for vendor-supplied records?**

Further questions for the manager...

- Don’t we use vendor-supplied records already?
- Ready or prepared?
- What is the difference between a vendor-supplied record and one our staff created?
- Whose job is it to...?
- Can we get to the amount of materials we buy/get?
- When are we going to catalog E-this and that?

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**Which projects/programs/materials are suitable?**

- Projects... Annuals that need special attention
- Programs... Perennials that need regular attention
- Formats... We can’t handle
- Anything... We put on a shelf and wait to process
- Whatever... You can buy
- As much as... You can afford
- As long as... Cost structures are understood

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**How can we measure the quality of vendor-supplied records?**

- Continue to treat them as you always have treated them
- Put it in a job description
- Understand the difference between a good record and a perfect record
- Automate it...

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**What tweaking can or should be done to vendor-supplied records?**

- As much as your institution wants to pay for
- As little as necessary
- Contract specifications, basic price option
- Whatever you can automate and batch process
- Public services asked us to...
- Nothing that isn’t consciously decided and documented

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**What systems issues affect the use of vendor-supplied records?**

- Getting the records
  - diskette, email, ftp, etc.
- Loading the records
  - load tables
  - conversion algorithms
  - Authority control
  - system-generated reports and files
- Re-loading the records
  - overlaying, protected fields, delete and re-load
The Three Vendors

Bates College Library
- Private liberal arts college
- 1,694 students
- 550,000+ vols. (~22,000/yr)
- 29.09/12.83 FTE/Librarians
- 9/3 FTE/Librarians in TS
- Innovative Interfaces
- $1.2 million materials budget
- OCLC symbol BTS

The Three Vendors

Bowdoin College Library
- Private liberal arts college
- 1,608 students
- 900,000+ vols. (~14,000/yr)
- 5 branches
- 35.1/15.5 FTE/Librarians
- 10.8/3 FTE/Librarians in TS
- Innovative Interfaces
- $1.5 million materials budget
- OCLC symbol BBH

The Three Vendors

Bates College Library Catalog
- Innovative Interfaces
- Installed 1990
- pre-Millennium
- 498,400 bib. records
- 332,800 authorities
- http://ladd.bates.edu/search
- telnet://ladd.bates.edu

The Three Vendors

Bowdoin College Library Catalog
- Innovative Interfaces
- Installed 1990
- pre-Millennium
- 493,000 bib. records
- 260,000 authorities
- http://phebe.bowdoin.edu/search
- telnet://phebe.bowdoin.edu

The Three Vendors

Case Study: PromptCat at Bates
- OCLC http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/prompt.htm
- YBP http://www.ybp.com/techservices.htm
- Monographic approval plan
  - Weekly shipments of ~100 titles
- Records are available to be downloaded
- Full MARC records vs. Shipping List records
  - 90% of records are full MARC records
- OCLC Holdings set
- Shelf-ready option
- Goal: From the box straight to the shelf
Case Study: Audiobooks at Bowdoin

- Landmark Audiobooks
- www.landmarkaudio.com
- Leased audiobooks program for libraries
- Receive new lists of titles every 90 days
- Rotation schedule customizable
- 100 titles in rotation
- Cataloging available
- Will not set holdings in OCLC
- Vendor generally does not tweak records
- Shelf-ready
Case Study: Videos at Bates
- OCLC TechPro
- http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/techpro.htm
- Project-oriented
- 569 titles
- No classification
- Cataloging only, no end-processing

Case Study: Videos at Bowdoin
- OCLC TechPro
- http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/techpro.htm
- Project-oriented initially (200 Spanish titles)
- PAL Standard machine required (rental)
- Programmatic eventually (100 titles/yr.)
- Laserdisc machine required
- No classification
- Cataloging only, no end-processing

Case Study: Marcive at Bates/Bowdoin
- Marcive - www.marcive.com
- Current GPO cataloging
- Bowdoin - 600 records a month (monos & SLS)
- Bates - 625 records a month (monos & SLS)
- Rotation schedule customizeable
- Shipping List Service
- Integrating the “other” into TS processing
- Staff availability
- Volume of materials received
- New formats - e-formats
Case Study: AAS at Bates

- American Antiquarian Society / NewsBank-Readex
- Microfiche reproductions - Catalog records optional
- Early American Imprints
  - First Series (Evans) (1639-1800)
  - 36,000 items on 26,000 microfiche
- OCLC-MARC Books format
- LCSH
- Special fields (752)

Case Study: Netlibrary at Bowdoin

- Nelinet, OCLC, Netlibrary
- www.nelinet.net
- Nelinet subset... catalog records available for first subset (3500 records)
- Records created by Netlibrary catalogers
- Multiple record approach
- Supplied by Nelinet or by Netlibrary
- Catalogued as electronic reproductions of print
  - III Implications
Tweaking Netlibrary records for Bowdoin

- Add 949 to create proper bib/item coding
- Prepend Proxy url to url in 856
- Add 590 note for access restrictions
  - Access restricted to Bowdoin College Library users
- Change 245 to text in 856 to be more descriptive and match Bowdoin practice
  - Connect to eBook
- Use MARC.pm or MARCMaker/MARCBreaker & Word/Excel
III and Netlibrary

Innovative's integration of netlibrary eBooks is now available at no cost to its libraries. Innovative is the only ILS vendor that currently provides enhanced access to netlibrary’s collection. Innovative has developed features that integrate netlibrary’s collection into the online catalog, including search limits, previews, and check-out. In addition, full MARC records can be downloaded into the library’s catalog with complete access to the eBook, and the netlibrary record-loading process is fully integrated into Innovative’s Acquisitions EDI system.

-III website

- Special partnership between III and Netlibrary
- More detailed information at CSIDirect
- Consortial issues
- Load table training

Concluding remarks

- Keep your options open
- TS is a public service
- Save the time of the user
- Automate it (script macro)
- Share it with others
- And remember...

You can’t have anything unless you let go of it.

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