VIVA
The Virtual Library of Virginia

VIVA’s Approach to Library Collection and Access Issues

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Library Consortia in America

• In existence for more than a century
• Original primary purpose was to share physical resources
  – Created union catalogs
  – Focused on Interlibrary Loan
• Cooperative Acquisitions Programs
1980’s and 1990’s

BAD NEWS: Rise in cost of library materials at the same time as stagnant budgets and “Downsizing”

GOOD NEWS: Improved technology and the World Wide Web
Statewide Academic Consortia in America

- 1992: OhioLINK (Ohio)
- 1994: TexShare (Texas) & VIVA
- 1995: GALILEO (Georgia)
- 1997:
  - California Digital Library
  - Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual Library
  - PALCI (Pennsylvania)
International Coalition of Library Consortia

http://www.library.yale.edu/consortia/

- 135 consortia -
  - 90 consortia from the US
  - 45 consortia from 21 other countries
Variations

• Missions
• Members
• Historical Context
• Organization, Governance and Staffing
• Funding / Payment Models
VIVA Is...

the consortium of academic libraries
-- both public and private
--
in Virginia.
VIVA’s Mission is...

to provide, in an equitable, cooperative and cost-effective manner, enhanced access to library and information resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia’s academic libraries serving the higher education community.
VIVA Members
Virginia’s Context

• History of independence among public colleges and universities
• Inconsistent infrastructure
• Large, strong public institutions
• Downsizing central government
VIVA Services

- Licensing Electronic Resources
- Priority Service for ILL
- Staff Professional Development
- Shared Technical Expertise
- VIVA Cataloging Guidelines
- Training for Bibliographic Instruction
- Virginia Heritage Project (Special Collections)
VIVA Funding

(Collections as a Percentage of Total Funding)
Growth of Electronic Journals

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Collection Selection Criteria

http://library.cc.va.us/vivaruc/principles.htm
1. Financial Benefits

Cost Avoidance through Group Purchases

7/1/94 to 3/1/00: Approximately $32,000,000
2. Inclusion of All VIVA Members
3. Efficiencies of Pooled Port Access
4. Fair Use
5. Walk-In Use
6. Stability of Content
7. Electronic Linkages
8. Support the publishing efforts of scientific and scholarly societies and universities which seek to provide faster and more cost effective access to information.
9. Remain Flexible
   - Can’t predict products
   - Can’t predict technology
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