The conversation focused mainly on slim budgets and the consequences for the collection.

- Low budgets make it difficult to acquire materials. One small library makes extensive use of open access journals or the open access portions of journal (after the embargo is lifted). Also uses Google Scholar to help patrons find the articles they need. This particular library has no journal collection otherwise; no subscriptions. Can’t use interlibrary loan since they have no collection to share.
- One library simply buys articles as needed from third party vendors and pays copyright clearance. Turns out to be cheaper than expensive subscriptions. They also get their full-text from databases, like CINAHL complete, health business elite, Cochrane’s collection, PsycINFO, etc. They have no other journal subscriptions.
- Another strategy is to only pursue subscriptions if they are actually requested.
- EBSCO databases have great usage data. This can be used to carefully and actively monitor the collection.
- PubMed Central often only has the final author’s version rather than the final published version of an article. Do patrons care? Are they even aware?
- What about hitting up other departments outside the library for finding? Does it work? One library convinced some researchers to write funding for journals into their grants but ultimately, the information that this was done did not get back to the library so the money was never used.
- Is it possible to pinpoint specific users and make them pay. For instance, EBSCO’s user data can show specific users from one department? So again, can we request that that department support the cost of a journal or database?
- Some participants shy away from “big-deal” packages. You get too much of what you don’t want. They like a la carte packages,
- (Some) Discovery tools are good because it pulls all the resources together and makes it easier to find what is available including some resources (government, open access) that are not actually paid for. But some actually make it harder to use the collection and find things.