The UNLV Libraries needs several hundred thousand dollars added to our base collections budget every year to offset inflation and maintain our journals and database subscriptions at their existing levels. Starting in the next biennium our current campus administration has pledged to fund collections inflation at this level. Until then we are looking at a budget deficit and will need to make cuts to our collections expenditures of approximately $650,000 in the fiscal year 2014/2015. By significantly reducing our collections base expenditures now, we are controlling inflationary costs moving forward. These cuts, coupled with the campus pledge to fund inflation will mean that the UNLV Libraries will be better positioned to absorb the impacts of ongoing inflation and maintain our collection strengths in the future.

Cutting resources from the collections requires difficult choices, and broad input from the campus is crucial to ensure that the best possible decisions are made in this difficult environment. Our aim is to minimize the impacts of these cuts on campus by employing a combination of reduced book acquisitions and cancelling subscriptions to journals and databases. UNLV Libraries’ collections staff continuously monitors use of the collection and has identified a set of journals and databases that have a high cost per use and/or are somewhat duplicative in content. We ask you to review this list of resources by April 25th and provide us with your feedback. Remember, this list is a list of potential cancellations and the appearance of a title on the list does not mean it will definitely be cancelled. Further information on reviewing the list, providing feedback and the timeline for the review is available here: www.library.unlv.edu/cd/sap2014

The UNLV Libraries remain committed to providing access to, if not ownership of, the research resources you need in order to succeed. Our discovery environment, including the web scale discovery service Summon (unlv.summon.serialssolutions.com), enables patrons to search and identify needed articles regardless of whether they are held by UNLV Libraries. And our inter-library loan department (http://www.library.unlv.edu/services/interlibrary_loan) can provide electronic delivery of any needed journal article from outside our collections within 24-48 hours from request.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration as we make these difficult decisions. Questions about the review may be directed to:

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Subject Liaison Librarian for your discipline - www.library.unlv.edu/contact/librarians_by_subject