

Scenario 1: You are a librarian at a recently accredited college. Inspired by the birth of MOOCs, this college offers all its courses for free online...with a modest tuition option (10% of the cost of comparable physical universities) for students who wish to receive a diploma. The college is only one year old, and is in the process of establishing its library resources.

Do you emphasize:

- Open educational resources?
- Reform of copyright law to enhance fair use protections?
- Consortial licensing of established scholarly resources, in cooperation with similar institutions?; or
- Something else?

Scenario 2: You are a librarian at a venerable university that is frequently considered one of the top 3 universities in America. Although college has become less affordable for many students, this university has no trouble attracting 4.0 high school students whose families can pay full tuition. The endowment is generous and the collection dollars are deep. The university has several “rock star” professors who have contracted with MOOC providers to offer their courses online at no charge. These professors have come to you seeking assistance on which resources to include in their MOOCs. Time is of the essence, the first course starts tomorrow.

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Scenario 3: You are a librarian at a state university system that has suffered deep budget cuts but the worst is over. Cost efficiency remains important; new acquisition models are essential. Your faculty base is split between tenured professors who edit prestigious journals and monographs, and younger scholars who are apt to post their unfiltered data and ruminations online. The library’s collection development policy is up for review, and you perceive an opportunity to clarify how the library will serve the needs of these different constituencies.

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