

# A Progressive Approach to Reducing Barriers to Resource Sharing: A Canadian Example

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Beyond the paywall: Resource sharing in a disruptive ecosystem

## The University of Alberta Libraries

- 38,000 students
- 15,000 employees
- 18 faculties
- 5 campuses
- 500 graduate prgms
- 2nd largest research library in Canada
- 8M+ vols; 5.3M titles
- 10 locations for library collections
- \$25M (CAD) collections budget



"The modern state university has sprung from a demand on the part of the people themselves....The people demand that knowledge shall not be the concern of scholars alone. The **uplifting of the whole people** shall be its final goal. This should never be forgotten."

*Henry Marshall Tory, 1908*



## Taking a Progressive Approach to Resource Sharing

- the traditional approach
- how we can do things differently
- increased benefit



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## Interlibrary Loan process

## Building Resource Sharing Relationships

Academic/Government/  
Hospital Libraries



1990s - Shared ILS

2000s - Sharing Print  
Collections

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## Alberta Association of Academic Libraries

2012 - Working Group:  
Free resource sharing  
among AAAL members

2013 - Pilot Project

2015 - No change in  
requesting behaviour



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## Canadian Academic Libraries - National Resource Sharing Agreement



**Council of Atlantic  
University Libraries**  
Conseil des bibliothèques  
universitaires de l'Atlantique



**BUREAU DE  
COOPÉRATION  
INTERUNIVERSITAIRE**



Council of Prairie and  
Pacific University Libraries

**OCUL** Ontario Council of  
University Libraries

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## University of Toronto - Departure from National Resource Sharing Agreement

May 9, 2016

*"I regret that the current economic climate means that we must recover part of the cost of lending materials."*

-Larry P. Alford, Chief Librarian, University of Toronto

Returnables: \$0 to \$15

Non-returnables: \$5 to \$15

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## University of Alberta - Commitment to National Resource Sharing Agreement

May 23, 2016

*“The University of Alberta Libraries is pleased to announce...no charge for non-returnables effective July 1, 2016.”*

Gerald Beasley, Vice Provost & Chief Librarian, U. of A.

## **COPPUL/OCUL/CAUL-CBUA/BCI**

January 2019 - Resource Sharing Working Group

*Goals:*

- Eliminate Fees
- Lengthen Loan Periods
- Allow Renewals
- Update Agreement

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**Special Collections material**

## Special Collections & Resource Sharing

*“[b]ecoming active partners in shared resources programs is an essential step which will both strengthen the library as a whole and serve the interests of special collections themselves.”*

Hickerson & Kenney, 1988

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**2012:** ACRL/RBMS Guidelines for Interlibrary and Exhibition Loan of Special Collections Materials

**2013:** OCLC Research report Tiers for Fears, Sensible Streamlined Sharing of Special Collections

**2018:** Big Ten Alliance PRINCIPLES AND PROTOCOLS for Interlibrary Loan of Special Collections Materials

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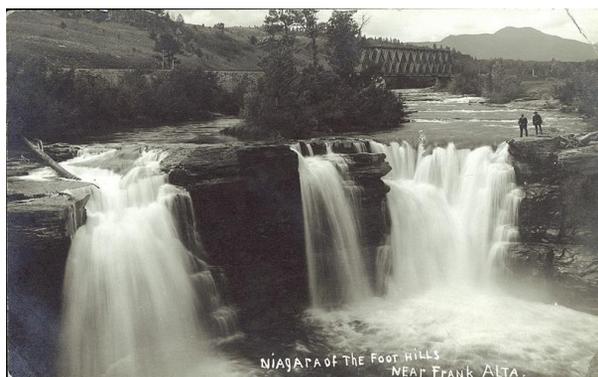
## Bruce Peel Special Collections

Digitization Projects:

[Tinctor's Foul Treatise](#)

[UAL Historical Postcard Collection](#)

Upcoming: English Playbills



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## Bruce Peel Special Collections

Controlled access to an out-of-print work for an approved purpose.

- Copyright
- Digitization
- Controlled Access

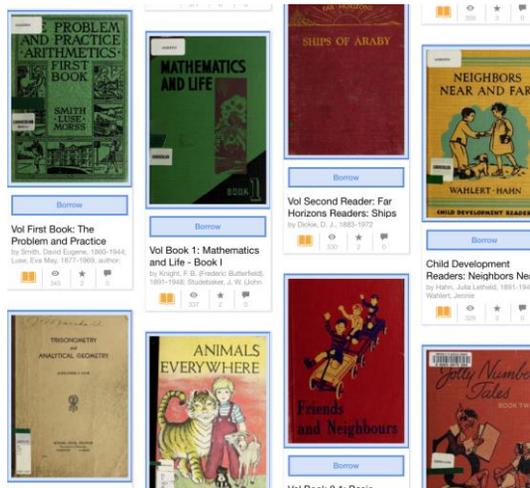


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# Controlled Digital Lending

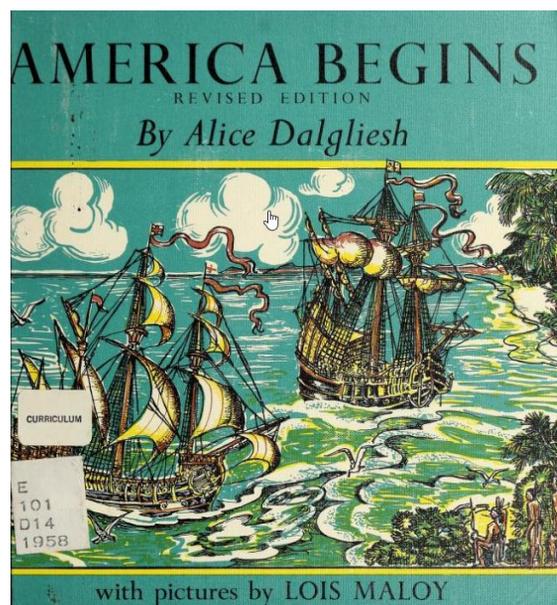
## Controlled Digital Lending

- digital equivalent of traditional library lending
- digitization of an owned print library book
- lend a secure digital version in place of print
- maintain an “owned to loan” ratio



## Wiedrick Collection

- historical school curriculum materials
- opening up a hidden collection to the world
- tolerating risk
- enabling greater access

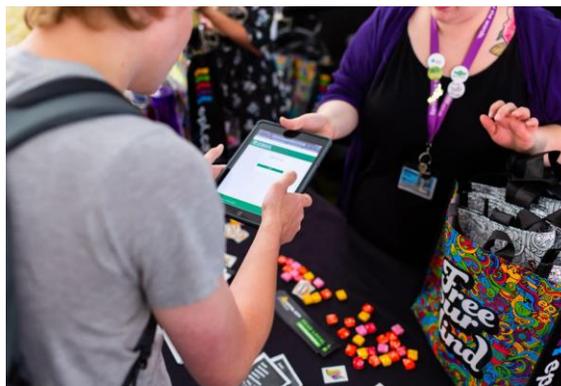


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# Ebook lending

## Lending of licensed eBooks

- going e-preferred
- review of existing licenses
- negotiating terms going forward
- lending whole books
- NEOS eBook Lending Task Force



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## Shared print initiatives

## Shared Print

- long term preservation and use
- commitment to lend to our partners
- Research and Collections Resource Facility

<https://www.library.ualberta.ca/locations/rcrf>



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## Conclusion

- importance of partnerships
- accept some risk
- reduce barriers to information
- act for the public good



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# Thank you!

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