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Juxtapositions Between Multiple Single-Source Allocation Approaches for One-Time Acquisitions: An Exploratory Panel

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Introductions



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Something to
think about...

On average, academic libraries receive fewer than two cents of every dollar spent on higher education

—[ALA's Quotable Facts about Libraries \(2019\)](#)

Outcomes

Attendees will learn:

- Motivations of why some academic libraries may choose to shift from a subject-specific allocation model to a more centralized single-source approach
- Mechanisms and strategies used for managing and controlling expenditures under a single-source approach
- Recommendations for presenting this type of approach to stakeholders, how to ensure transparency and minimize resistance

History & Evolving Climate

Leading to this approach



Opportunities & Challenges



Assessment

Ensuring effectiveness



Recommendations

Ensuring transparency and
minimizing resistance



Further Discussion

Other experiences with this approach?

Research

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