The Not Bought In Ohio Pilot Project - Art and Architecture Books.

Participants:
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Description:
A pilot program that seeks to determine if art and architecture books not available in the OhioLINK central catalog could be identified would encourage their purchase and increase the number of unique titles available to the OhioLINK art and architecture community?

Books sent via two approval plans (Yankee Book Peddler and Worldwide books) were analyzed on a monthly basis against those available from the vendors for the same months. (The vendors created mechanisms to allow us to easily cull these titles.) Titles not bought from the two vendors were then checked against the statewide OhioLINK Central Catalog to identify those which were bought other ways. The remaining titles (those truly not bought by any OhioLINK member library) were distributed to members of the Art and Architecture subject list. The hope is that any important titles will be ordered, once their lack of availability is made known.

Outcome Measures:
How many "not bought in Ohio" are and architecture books are identified each month for the academic year 2004 - 2005? Of those, how many are later purchased by an OhioLINK library?

Keeping Focus:
Sending them lists of art and architecture books "not bought in Ohio" every month.

Tracking Progress:
Sending them lists of art and architecture books "not bought in Ohio" every month. Re-checking those lists to see how many of those books are then purchased.

List of accomplishments:
Lists were created and sent out for some months of the 2004 -05 academic year. At least some purchases were made, but we haven't fully analyzed the data yet.

Recommendations:
Pending follow-up meeting of OhioLINK Art & Architecture Subject Group (no recommendations at this time).

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