Title:
CONSORT Libraries Shared Approval Plan

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Description:
In an experiment with YBP Library Services, the four CONSORT colleges developed a common profile for Asian Studies, Play Scripts, and Exhibitions Catalogs. There is a common/shared YBP account accessible through GOBI2 to place and track orders. Each library committed to spending a specific amount per year on this project.

Outcome Measures:
Number of items purchased per library through this plan, dollar amount spent per library

Keeping Focus:
The first year, ran reports monthly to track purchases. The 2nd year run reports less often - and harder to get libraries to commit. Ongoing question of whether the shared plan is the best way to go.

Tracking Progress:
Run reports available in YBP's GOBI2.

List of accomplishments:
2003/2004 - collectively purchased 247 titles, spent ca. $8k, purchases divided fairly equally among the 4 participants. 2004/2005 to April 05 - collectively purchased 81 titles, spent ca. $6.4k, with 2 libraries purchasing most of the total.

Recommendations:
Libraries would need to be really committed to a similar project to make it work. Better to build the sharing into existing individual YBP profiles/accounts to make it easier for participating libraries.

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