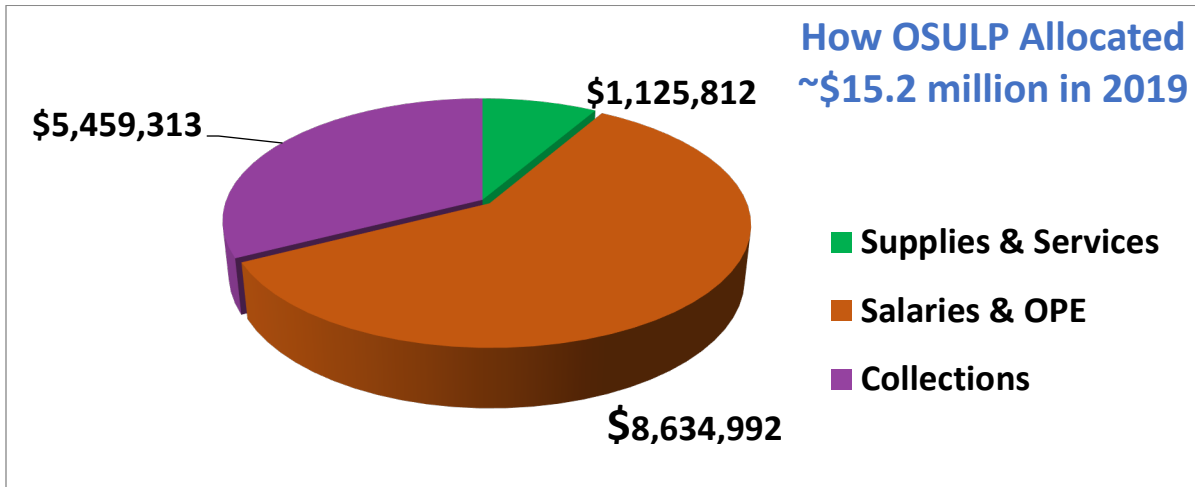


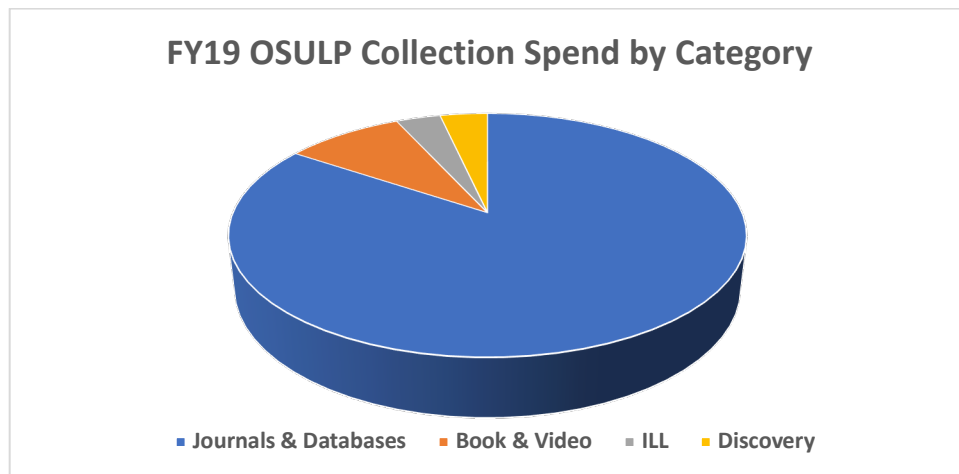
FAQ: OSU Libraries & Press Budget Reduction for FY20

This document provides information regarding the Oregon State University Libraries & Press (OSULP) process to accommodate a permanent budget reduction and the anticipated changes in access that might impact the OSU community.

- **How much of a permanent budget reduction is OSU Libraries & Press facing in FY20?**
 - OSULP must assume a 1.6% permanent budget reduction in our total allocation for FY20 as part of university-wide reductions. This amounts to approximately \$245,000, an amount based on our Education & General Fund allocation in FY19.



- **Where will OSULP make reductions?**
 - The reduction will come out of the general collections budget. Because 85 percent of collection dollars go towards journals, both print and electronic, and databases, we will focus the reduction in these areas, specifically in low-use print journals. Although we would be reducing direct access to some general collection holdings, we still can get access to needed content through resource sharing such as Interlibrary Loan (ILL).



- OSULP staffing has not been able to keep pace with the growth in OSU student FTE in the last decade. Our peers have consistently outmatched us in terms of staffing per student FTE and we have ranked among the lowest for library staffing per student FTE as well as total collections expenditures. Cancelling print journal subscriptions, however, means that the current open staff position responsible for managing print journal subscriptions would not be filled, allowing us to minimize the overall budget reduction by nearly one-third.
- **Whom will this impact?**
 - Anyone who accesses journal publications maintained by OSU Libraries is potentially impacted, including students, faculty and staff affiliated with the Corvallis, Newport and Cascade campuses, Ecampus, or any of the research and experiment stations.

- **How will I get access to content I need?**
 - Most research libraries, like OSULP, are not able to subscribe to all the content the community needs to conduct research, teach, and support learning. We rely on ILL to provide access to content to which we do not provide direct access. OSULP works with multiple consortial partners plus additional resource-sharing partners to provide exceptional service and retrieve content quickly that our OSU community needs. If you have not had the opportunity to use ILL before, please visit (<https://library.oregonstate.edu/ill>) to learn more and sign up for service.
- **What does the timeline look for seeking input?**
 - OSULP will be seeking input through the end of May 2019 before most of the OSU community leaves for the summer. We need to have final decisions made for our FY20 budget by the beginning of June 2019. Most of our electronic journal content renews in late August with some limited titles that renew outside of that cycle. Most content that is cancelled will no longer be available for direct access after September 1st, but will be available through ILL.
- **How will OSULP make the decisions on what content to cancel?**
 - OSULP will focus on low-use content using the following elements:
 - Usage reports provided by vendors/publishers helps us calculate cost per use.
 - Comparing all OSU usage content within specific subject areas determines average cost per use specific to that subject area. This approach avoids usage disparities that may occur across disciplines.
 - Our data points to cancelling our remaining 200 print journals because this will have the lowest impact to the OSU community due to limited demand, and will save additional money by removing the open position that supports the maintenance of this content (~\$78,000 annually). The 200 print journal titles fall across all disciplines and will result in an annual savings of approximately \$70,000.
 - We will also cancel the Reaxys database due to low usage and save approximately \$50,000. We are currently working with the few Reaxys users to utilize similar content in Scifinder and the free NIH PubChem Project.
 - To reach the rest of our target, we will cancel electronic journal subscriptions and endeavor to negotiate reductions in renewals for FY20 whenever possible.
- **Will I be able to see a list of cancelled titles?**
 - OSULP may post a title list on our webpage once the cancellation process is completed. If you find a title that is no longer accessible, please send the information to valley.collections@oregonstate.edu. We will place it on our wish list for future consideration. In the meantime, please place requests through ILL.
 - In consultation with the Faculty Senate Library Committee, it was determined that we would not engage busy faculty in a labor-intensive process to select what titles to cancel. OSULP has trained professionals, proper data, and a thoughtful process to determine what direct-access titles to cancel. Any print or electronic titles that are cancelled will be available through ILL.
- **Given the potential for reductions in the future, what steps will OSULP take to make decisions about reductions in content and/or services?**
 - We recognize that any additional reduction either in services and/or collections has the potential to affect our principal stakeholders, students and faculty. If OSULP needs to make further reductions in collections, we will continue to rely on the elements listed above to decide what content to cancel. If we must reduce services, we will communicate with our stakeholders via focus groups and forums as well as other means to determine the best possible future scenario for providing library services.
- **Whom do I contact if I have more questions?**
 - For questions regarding the overall library budget, please contact Faye A. Chadwell (Faye.Chadwell@oregonstate.edu).
 - For questions about the general library collections, please contact Kerri Goergen-Doll (Kerri.Goergen-Doll@oregonstate.edu).
 - For questions about ILL, please contact Laura Ramos (Laura.Ramos@oregonstate.edu).