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Wagging the long tail: managing print collections in a digital age



CAVAL Collection
Management Seminar
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Seminar drivers ...

- 10th anniversary of CARM
- Steve O'Connor
- CARM Centre Advisory Committee
- CARM2



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Issues & questions (1)

- environmental changes over the past 10 years?
- system and data issues
- changes in usage of library materials?
- discovery tools - now? under development?
- CARM partnerships – current & potential



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Issues & questions (2)

- What do we discard? How are decisions made?
- How many copies of any title do we need to keep in our state, in the nation, in the world?
- Do we need to keep material which has been digitized? What are the likely impacts of the mass digitization projects currently underway?



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Seminar goals ...

- explore best practice nationally and internationally in the long term storage of our low use print collections
- explore ways forward for preserving the print collections of Australia's libraries into the future



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