COMMUNITY ALIGNED SERVICE PROVIDERS

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“Many in the academic community are concerned that commercial interests may be fundamentally misaligned with those of academic researchers.”

Individual and Collective Actions

- Determine (y)our values
- Partner with value aligned providers
- Push back on contracts

How can we be a better partner?

How can we reflect community values?

Library Advisory Board

- Assembled in May 2017
- 10 North American Librarians
- Provides guidance + feedback to ensure services align with library values

LAB Concerns + Desires

- Transparency
- Sponsorships
- Open Source
- Building in ways community has power
- Communication on developmental priorities
- Openness about potential acquisitions

Actions from LAB feedback

- Revising websites and contracts for greater transparency
- Only sponsoring conferences with a code of conduct
- Fully open source by end of spring
- Establishing new governance and a community forum
- Open source repository pilot

mrgunn @mrgunn · 9 Aug 2017

All I'm saying is if this prompts librarians to come together on a set of principles they want in a service provider, it would be good.

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Replying to @mrgunn @dannykay68 @rschon

and if this prompts service providers to come together on a set of principles they uphold for libraries, there might be more trust.

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Service providers work for libraries,
and should do the bulk of the work to align
themselves with the communities they serve.

Governance + Community Engagement

- Steering Board
- Establishing acquisition policies
 - Open Access
 - Open Source
 - No Bundles
- Special Interest Groups
- Community Forum

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Get contracts that reflect values.