

An alternative to e-resource licenses

Shared e-Resource Understanding (SERU)

Sponsored by the National Information Standards Organization (NISO), the SERU Working Group is developing a statement that describes common understandings around e-resource subscriptions. Libraries and publishers will be able to forgo a license by referencing these common understandings.

Benefits of SERU include

- *easier transaction of electronic resource subscriptions*
- *rapid acquisition and minimal delay for access*
- *time and cost savings for both libraries and publishers*



About SERU

Negotiating licenses for electronic resources can be burdensome and prohibitively expensive for both libraries and publishers. The SERU Working Group consists of representatives from the library and publishing communities who believe that these two communities can find a way to transact business without assuming the expense of a negotiated license agreement.

To find out how you can participate, visit niso.org/committees/seru.

SERU is pleased to have support from both the library and publishing communities:

- *Association of Research Libraries (ARL)*
- *Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)*
- *Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers (ALPSP)*
- *Society for Scholarly Publishing (SSP)*

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