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TAPPING TECHNICAL SERVICES for IR ENGAGEMENT

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Current Situation

- . Shrinking budgets
- . Loss of/or shifted personnel
- . Serial research databases -> majority of library purchases
- . Changing technical services priorities and job descriptions:
 - . Fewer items to catalog
 - . Focus on processing repository-bound intellectual content
- . Institutional repositories (IRs) are expanding—welcome staff with existing and useful skills

Tech Services Staff Skill-Set

- . Complements IR workflow
 - . Metadata experts
 - . Collection policies
 - . Rights management and permissions
 - . Collect various statistics
 - . Persistent identifiers
 - . Project management
 - . Search engine optimization (SEO)
 - . Editing skills

Drupal™ Database

- . A value-added shared repository communication tool
- . Workflow process: Manages communication and tracking
 - . IR manager/admin adds content and details of new items (priority, due date, IR URLs)
 - . Processing, by whom, any quality control remarks
 - . Projects listed by item type, blog-like communication, email notifications to all
- . More staff IR involvement on the horizon
- . Created in-house by Manager of Technical Services and Husband
- . Will be shifted over to Libraries' Drupal™ installation