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ABSTRACT

In 1993, when the library at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ became the first to stop all journal subscriptions there was fear among the faculty and intrigue in the library community world-wide. Three years later, we can demonstrate an enormous success in changing the library role and perception with its user community. Information delivery, in many ways, is far superior to the warehouse model of the past. The emergence of Web technology has also helped advance the goals of our "electronic library model." We shall outline the steps taken, the positive effect it had on our user community and the questions that have been raised and answered.