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The report then goes on to suggest other filters which can be deployed by libraries once a decision has been made to invest in an archiving solution, to assist in selecting which is most appropriate for their specific needs. These filters include the range of content covered, costs and the basis of charging, and whether post-cancellation access is offered and if so, how and when it is provided. It recognizes the complex permutations that exist, so that a “one size fits all” approach is not possible, while at the same time provides some guidance for making responsible and defensible choices.

Conclusion

Finding practical, cost-effective solutions to e-journal archiving and preservation which are acceptable to both publishers and libraries has become of pressing importance as the trend to e-only access accelerates. Over recent years, there has been significant progress in e-journal archiving solutions which are gaining the trust of both publishers and libraries. The JISC funded study focused on six e-journal archiving solutions which appeared to be of particular relevance to the needs of the UK library community. Four of the six e-journal archiving solutions assessed by the study are able to satisfy at least some of the needs of the UK library community. This is a considerable advance on the situation a few years ago and so is an extremely encouraging sign. The choices libraries make will be based on a mix of factors and risk management will help to determine which e-journal archiving solution they should support. The decision-making process will be considerably simplified as more publishers participate in e-journal archiving, thereby increasing the volume of e-journals safely archived for current and future use.

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