

Is Quality Control in Academic Law Library Online Catalogs Decreasing?

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This research is designed to determine if quality control in the creation and maintenance of online public access catalogs of academic law libraries is declining. This will be accomplished by sampling selected bibliographic, serial, item, and check-in records at a representative sample of academic law libraries evenly divided among each ABA title count quartile and correlated with *U.S. News and World Report* rankings. The identities of the law libraries will be kept confidential and not reported in the final results. If quality control is shown to be lacking by the occurrence of frequent errors in online catalogs, the second part of the project will be survey reference librarians to determine if they believe quality control in their online catalogs is important and worth the time necessary to maintain quality. The data gathered in this project will allow for better decision-making in the use of library resources.