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David Frank is the deputy head of the University’s library, as well as head of the information department. He has worked at the University for nearly 10 years and is responsible for print and eMedia resources. He works with students and researchers to help meet their scholarly research endeavours, while managing purchasing and budgetary requirements.

The University’s diverse veterinary departments have very specific needs, and meeting those needs is an ongoing challenge. Mr. Frank must make sure each department has ready access to the most up-to-date resources and veterinary science journals in order to maintain the University’s world-class reputation. Ensuring a seamless and positive user experience is critical.

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Mr. Frank relies on user data and feedback from both institutes, clinics, and interuniversity institutions and students when performing regular content evaluation. Responses to BioOne Complete continue to be positive, particularly regarding the applicability of its portfolio to the specific needs of veterinary science. “I can’t imagine any university with a focus on veterinary sciences that wouldn’t be subscribing to BioOne Complete,” he said.

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