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| Roses, Buds, & Thorns  PAS members reviewed their library's Purchase Alert Reports for ten minutes individually. Then, the group shared their feedback and categorized comments in the following way:   * Roses: contains things that work “really well” in the Purchase Alert Report * Buds: contains things that could “enhance or improve” the Purchase Alert Report * Thorns: contains things that cause “difficulties” while interacting with the Purchase Alert Report * Questions: contains outstanding questions about the Purchase Alert Report | | |
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| Roses |  | BudsInserting image... |
| List things that work “really well” in the Purchase Alert Report   * Pam – (Mchenry): likes “how the report identifies the collection in a snapshot” * Sally – (Glenview) – likes the ISBN column. This allows the library to do a batch import with Baker & Taylor to see what is already on order. * David – (Des Plaines): like the hold ratios. This gives him way of looking at items going up in demand so he can order more copies * Henry – (Algonquin): likes that the report captures on hold throughout the consortium. He can easily identify items his library needs to buy. |  | List things that could “enhance or improve” the Purchase Alert Report   * Violet – (Palatine): The “inverted” term (second tab) is strange. She says it would be helpful to have on-order items on their own tab in the spreadsheet. She would also like to know the item’s shelf location. * Meg - (Prospect Heights) - Items listed as on order can be a little confusing. Adding the publication date of the item would be helpful. She would also like items that are “pre-pub” to be identified in the report. * Henry – (Algonquin): It would be helpful to run the report daily (v. just weekly). * Ann – (Glencoe): There are some Excel functionality problems: “I must delete blank line so I can sort (line 25). Some headers are spread across three rows (row 22 – 24) rather than in a single cell.” * Dawn – (Crystal Lake): say that total holds in whole consortium column – lets me know if there is demand consortium wide versus for just an individual user. |
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| Thorns |  | Questions |
| List things that cause “difficulties” while interacting with the Purchase Alert Report   * Meg – (Prospect Heights): Sorting is difficult. have to copy/paste to another sheet so I can sort. The long description at the top of the report makes sorting difficult. * Dawn – (Crystal Lake): The call number given in the report makes it difficult to identify whose collection each item belongs to. |  | List any questions your group has about the Purchase Alert Report   * What does inverted mean? * Where is the call number coming from? |