

SPARC Unbundling Profiles

This is a series of profiles written by [SPARC](#), providing detailed case studies from a series of institutions in the US and Canada who unbundled from Big Five publishing deals (in particular Elsevier and Wiley).

The case studies seek to provide useful information and experience for another libraries who may consider unbundling from/cancelling big journal packages. They detail how each library made these decisions, how they ensured necessary access to materials, how the rest of the campus responded etc.

While these have not been updated since 2020, the [recent cancellations](#) in the UK (at the Universities of Sheffield, Surrey and York) in 2024/2025 show that this is still very much a live issue and these case studies are still highly relevant to libraries as they consider their options in the difficult financial climate of 2025.

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