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Reframing the Role of the Research Library: The Rovi Media Collection

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In 2015, the Michigan State University Libraries acquired the Rovi Media Collection, consisting of over 800,000 CDs, DVDs, and video games. This collection was transformative not only through its size and scope but through its significant commitment to community access: along with an agreement to take the collection was a commitment to make the collection accessible to the entire population of the state of Michigan, through a statewide network. The speakers address how meeting this challenge raised issues such as public and community norms of censorship versus the requirements of academe, the collection management logistics of ingesting and making discoverable a collection that dwarfed the existing multimedia collection, and the diversity of public-service challenges that have been encountered since the collection was made publicly available.