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Abstract: The article covers in detail hoe electronic information and the electronic journal will impact upon libraries and the management of their collections as well as technical and user services. The factors which need to be assessed for the formulation of a collection management policy for electronic information are defined. A survey of the various CAS-IAS (Current Alerting Services (combined with) Individual Article Supply) services is also provided.

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