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**Anxiety or Euphoria – Making Bookends Meet: The Australian
Academic & Research Libraries Consortium (AARLAC)**

Biography

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Précis

10 University Libraries in South Australia and Victoria, with the State Library of Victoria, have combined in the AARLAC consortium to maximize their book buying power and improve the value chain in their business dealings. The paper examines the challenges, benefits and issues in a sector approach to improving the procurement of a high volume of mostly unique items.