

Wisconsin-Iowa Shared Print Program (DPR)

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Overview

The Wisconsin-Iowa Shared Print Program is an agreement between the libraries of Iowa State University (ISU), University of Iowa (UI), and University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW) to create a shared print collection and possible joint remote storage facility. The shared print collection component was realized while the storage facility has been taken off the table.

Briefly, the program began in early fall 2009 as a mechanism to make better use of limited collection space as well as to free up space at these libraries. By early 2011, the libraries had developed steps for a pilot project, analyzed their print and electronic journal collections, conducted reviews of journal aggregators, and drafted a MOU which was signed in early fall 2011. The pilot project focused on the STEM fields of chemistry and physics; areas of strengths and areas of duplication for these libraries. Two science publishers were selected; the American Chemical Society and the Institute of Physics. Because there was a strong interest to include a publisher from the social sciences and humanities field, Annual Reviews was also chosen. All three libraries had access to these publishers' online journals.

Each library reviewed the lists of journals titles they held from these publishers and selected titles that they would retain. During the review and at shelf level, actual holdings were verified, physical conditions noted, and gaps in runs identified. For some titles, transfers of volumes were made as permanent loans to the retaining library to fill the gaps or to provide a better conditioned volume. Each institution documented their retention decisions in the MARC 583 to prevent inadvertently withdraws of their protected titles.

Numbers

From the American Chemical Society journals, ISU committed to retain 11 titles, UI 19, and UW 20. ISU agreed to preserve 7, UI 11, and UW 24 from the Annual Reviews publications. ISU committed to keep 29 titles, UI 28, and UW 20 from the Institutes of Physic. The total numbers committed by each library are 47 for ISU, 58 for UI, and 64 for UW. The amount of space or linear feet harvested from withdraws and permanent loan transfers for each library was 671.6 feet for ISU, 664 feet for UI, and 154.1 feet for UW.

Future

Since the successful completion of the pilot project, no other shared print collaborations have been implemented between these three libraries. The current program is in a holding pattern. The retention agreements made by the three libraries are still in place and will be until August 1, 2036. Recently, the MOU was updated to reflect the change of leadership and contacts at all three institutions. There will be a mandated formal review to be completed by February 1, 2024.

More Information

Detailed project records are housed at the Iowa State University Library.

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See also:

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