

Everything not saved will be lost: Preservation in the age of shared print and withdrawal projects

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Introduction



Where preservation librarians come in



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Surveying current programs

Withdrawal Practices Survey (2015)

- ARL and Oberlin Group Libraries
- 99 respondents
- Presented at 2015 Charleston Conference

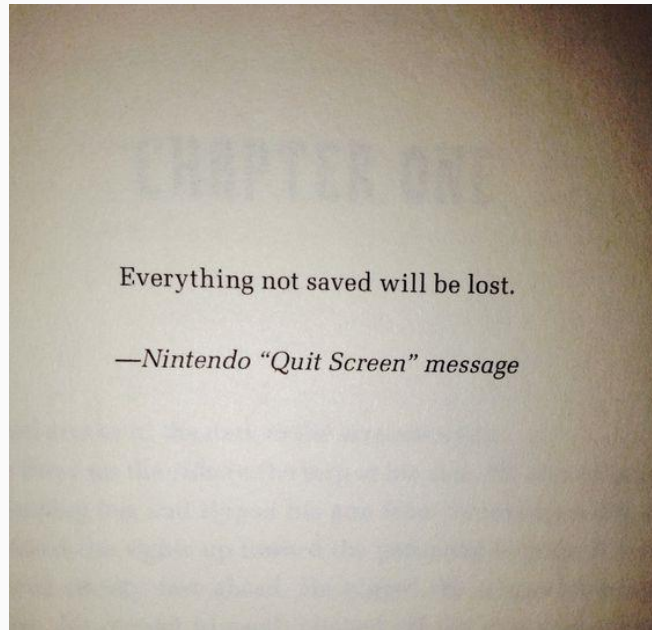
MOU Survey (2016)

- Less formal review of MOUs



2015 Charleston Conference logo-- a fitting sentiment?

Prioritizing good stewardship



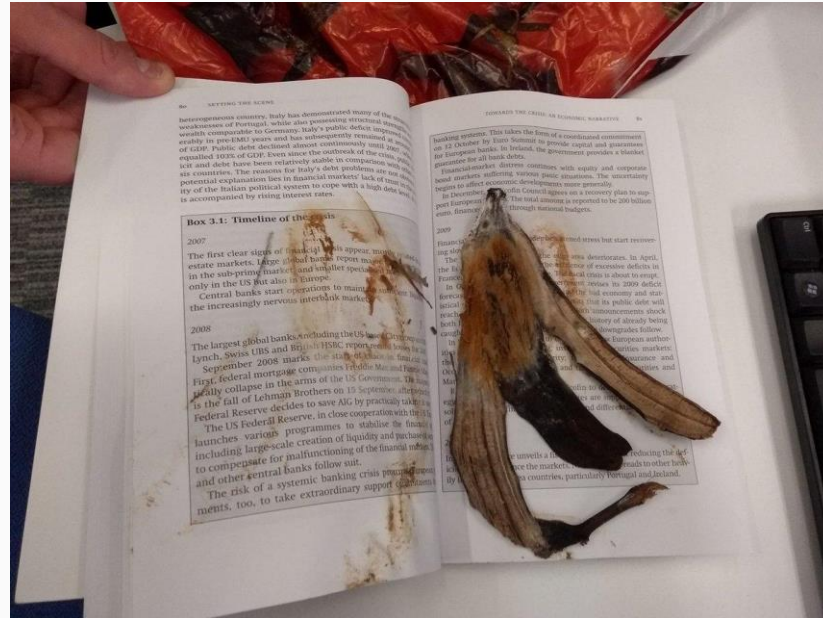
A lack of data: Record quality & accuracy



A lack of data: Cataloging and validation



A lack of data: Loss



A lack of data: Current condition



- Damage and degradation
- Interventions and marginalia

Challenges:

- Recording and sharing retention and condition data
- Decisions to Retain or Withdraw Holdings
- Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)
- Storage environment



The Oak Street high density storage facility at University of Illinois

Call to Action: A (National) Research Agenda

- Data-informed guidelines for national preservation targets
 - Build on existing studies and research
 - More wide-reaching statistics needed on condition, presence on shelf, etc.
- Best practices for shared print MOUs
 - Explicit emphasis on preservation (environmental guidelines, care/replacement)
 - Emphasis on coordinating commitments across programs

Conclusion

Shared print programs (SPPs) are a critical focus for large-scale preservation. Further attention must be paid to the logistical issues, scalability, and ideal policies associated with shared print retention and preservation.

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Thank you!

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