

Michigan Shared Print Initiative (MI-SPI)

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Background

In 2011, the libraries at seven of Michigan's publicly-supported universities collaborated to create a shared print monograph collection, and agreed to retain for 15 years commonly-held, but little-used titles. With the assistance of the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) and Sustainable Collection Services, the initial project was completed in 2012. The retained titles remained within the partners' individual collections rather than being aggregated in a single storage facility. In 2015, Phase Two of the project added more publicly-supported university libraries to the collective collection, refreshed the dataset, and rebalanced the retention assignments. Two original partners did not participate in the refresh of data, but remained committed to the project and their retention assignments. The results of the analysis and retention decisions resulted in significant repurposing of library space for most of the MI-SPI members.

Current activities

Activities leading to membership expansion and a complete refresh and analysis of holdings continued through the second half of 2018.

During the past 3 years, several of the private colleges in Michigan voiced interest in participating in MI-SPI. Many of these libraries worked individually with SCS and are familiar with the resulting analysis data and the use of GreenGlass. In July, an introductory/explanatory webinar about MI-SPI was presented for the interested private colleges. As a result of the webinar and follow-up discussions, eight private colleges submitted Letters of Interest in November. This was the first step necessary to join MI-SPI.

Following the EAST Shared Print Monograph Summit last April, the MI-SPI Consultant/Project Coordinator participated in the activities of the resource sharing and retention work group headed by Doug Brigham from COPPUL SPAN. The Consultant/Project Coordinator participated in the second EAST Summit in December where the first steps were taken to form the Partnership for Shared Print Book Collections. A delegate from MI-SPI will serve on the Best Practices Working Group.

In September, a membership meeting was held for current and prospective MI-SPI partners. A proposal for a formal governance structure was presented and accepted for inclusion in a revised Memorandum of Understanding. Three task forces were organized to investigate and make recommendations on: standardized 583 language for all MI-SPI members to use; a process and procedure for retention collection validation; best resource sharing practices. All recommendations are being incorporated into a revised MOU.

The next step in MI-SPI expansion is underway. Letters of Interest were received from 20 institutions in November—a significant increase from the 9 active participants in 2015. Bibliographic record counts for circulating monographs were collected from all 20 libraries in December and forwarded to OCLC for preliminary pricing. Final revisions for the MOU are in process. The final version is scheduled for distribution in early March 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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