



Maine Shared Collections Cooperative (MSCC) January 2019 PAN Update Report

The Maine Shared Collections Cooperative (MSCC) shared print program was founded in 2011 by eight of the largest libraries in Maine plus the state's consortium, Maine InfoNet. With support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services MSCC successfully implemented a shared approach to the management of print collections in the state.

Group Collection Analysis

In July 2018, MSCC agreed to again contract with OCLC Sustainable Collection Services for collection analysis services. The project is now underway and is expected to run throughout 2019, with retention commitments due to be registered in ILSs in the Fall. Participating in the collection analysis are the eight founding members, five additional University of Maine System libraries, and 15 libraries from the Minerva library consortium which includes small public libraries, community colleges, and private liberal arts colleges.

In early January, the Maine Shared Collections Librarian Matthew Revitt met with the MSCC Collections and Operations Committee and technical services and cataloging representatives to finalize the scope of the analysis. The Committee agreed that the analysis will be limited to titles available for ILL only, published or acquired between 2003/4 and 2012. Based on lessons learned from the original 2013 analysis the Committee is finalizing a list of publishers whose works MSCC agree won't be allocated for retention (using the GreenGlass special category flag). Most of the publishers being added publish juvenile fiction and non-fiction (held by public libraries) that quickly become outdated, and in the case of infant books will not survive a 15-year retention period! The Committee is also working on agreeing its six comparator groups, with EAST being discussed as a potential group that it might be useful for MSCC to see its overlap with.

Maine Shared Collections Librarian Matthew Revitt, Maine InfoNet Systems Librarian Alisia Revitt, and MSCC Data Librarian Sara Amato are also currently working with the 28 participating libraries on confirming ILS codes in order to complete the SCS Cataloguing and Data Questionnaires.

Membership in the Maine Shared Collections Cooperative

Of the 41 libraries that the MSCC have worked with on the individual collection analysis service

(see previous PAN reports), 34 have so far formally joined the Cooperative, making 40 members across the state. Our newest member Lithgow Public Library joined in November.

Partnership for Shared Book Collections

Maine Shared Collections is actively participating in the work of the Partnership for Shared Book Collections, through Matthew Revitt's involvement in the Summit planning, and his role as convener of the newly formed Governance and Membership Working Group and member of the Partnership's Steering Committee.