



PALCI Distributed Print Archive Report to Membership

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For almost 10 years, PALCI members have been in discussion regarding the potential to archive members' print collections collectively as more and more resources move online.

An initial program for serials from three science publishers (AIP, APS, and ACS) was formally initiated in 2009, with further projects discussed by the PALCI Cooperative Print Collections Committee (CPCC). In mid-2014, the CPCC was reorganized into the PALCI Distributed Print Archive Steering Committee (PDPA), and a survey of the membership was completed in September, 2014, followed by personal interviews with 46 PALCI member staff. In October, 2014, the PDPA Steering Committee established two PDPA project teams, Journals and Reference Sets, to continue projects for additional journals/serials title archives and to evaluate and initiate a shared print archive for reference sets.

Highlights of Key Findings of the Survey and Interviews

Survey Highlights

- 47 of 68 member institutions completed the survey (nearly 70% of the membership)
- The primary urgency for a shared print program is to free up space in the library
- The top three material types identified for a shared print program are journals; monographs; and reference sets
- 82% of respondents have or plan to deaccession materials based on the PALCI shared print program
- Drivers for participation in the shared print program include content and ease of discoverability
- 55% of respondents indicated an interest in a PALCI-sponsored shared storage facility

Interview Highlights

- 46 of 68 member institution staff were interviewed by PDPA Steering Committee members
- Most institutions have already reallocated some space in the library from collections to users
- Most institutions support intentionally-retained materials for the scholarly record philosophically; some will take action and/or fund; others will not
- Many institutions have already discarded a significant part of their collection through weeding, especially print journals
- There were two different purposes identified for the program: 1) to archive print with little use expected or 2) to provide expanded access to content/collections
- 41% of interviewees expressed interest in overlap study/project for monographs but funding is an issue for many
- 50% of interviewees expressed some interest in a PALCI shared storage facility
- 80% of interviewees agreed to fund the program (annual fees between \$1,000 and \$5,000)
- Some institutions not interested in print retention at all

Journals Project Team Activities

A kickoff meeting of the PDPA Journals project team was held in December, 2014. The project team subsequently completed two surveys: the PALCI Distributed STM Print Serials Archive Project Mid-point Review Survey to assess any changes to our 10-year Science Archive and a Journals Flash survey of the membership to determine priorities for new projects.

The Journals project team does not recommend any changes to the current 10-year Science archive as a result of the survey. The PDPA Steering Committee will review the survey results and this recommendation, and then complete a final determination.

The Journals project team is now working on a distributed archive project of newspaper microfilm (likely to include The New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Philadelphia Inquirer, and possibly the London Times).

In addition, related to the Journals Distributed Print Archive, the APA (American Psychological Association) journal archive is now complete and the list of journals, holdings and archive holders is available on the PALCI website. The Journals project team also reviewed and published *Recording Holdings Data for PALCI Distributed Print Archive Agreement*. This document is also available on the PALCI website.

Reference Sets Project Team Activities

A kickoff meeting of the PDPA Reference Sets project team was held in December, 2014. The project team subsequently completed a holdings analysis of a pilot group of 12 reference titles, including: *American Men and Women of Science* (0000-1287) (including various subparts); *Book of the States* (0068-0125); *CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics* (0147-6262); *Current Biography Yearbook* (0084-9499); *Europa World Year Book* (0956-2273); *Mental Measurements Yearbook* (0076-6461); *Physicians' Desk Reference* (0093-4461); *Statesman's Year Book* (0081-4601); *Thomas Register of American Manufacturers*; *Whitaker's Almanack* (0083-9256); *Who's Who in America* (0083-9396); *World Almanac and Book of Facts* (0084-1382). The project team has recommended to the Steering Committee that it move ahead to establish a distributed archive of these pilot titles and evaluate further titles after the completion of the pilot program.

PDPA Steering Committee Plan for FY2015-16

Based on the feedback of the membership from the survey and interviews, the PDPA Steering Committee will focus on the following activities over the next year:

- Explore shared storage facility (proposal received from Iron Mountain)
- Investigate monograph collection overlap analysis options, with new Technology Strategy and Infrastructure Task Force
- Finalize a last copy guideline for the membership
- Take action on recommendations from the Journals and Reference Sets project teams