



January 2017

## OhioLINK Print Archiving Report

The Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK) is a consortium of 120 academic institutions and the State Library of Ohio. Part of OhioLINK's responsibilities is coordinating the activities of the five regional depositories that support the print and media archiving of the collections of our 13 state supported universities. Three of these five depositories are shared facilities among multiple universities while two are supporting just a single university.

The directors of the 13 state supported universities make up the Regional Depositories Governing Council. This council serves as an oversight body of the five depositories and sets policies and approves guidelines for preserving print and media collections. The depositories are involved in an ongoing de-duplication effort to reduce the amount of duplication among the serial collections in the depositories. This includes participating in OCLC's Shared Print Management Program as part of the de-duplication project. These efforts are discussed below.

### De-Duplication Efforts in OhioLINK

OhioLINK has been working on a serials deduplication project in our 5 depositories for 7 years now. In the beginning, we performed a couple of small projects that helped us define our procedures and policies, than began a project deduping Elsevier titles. We chose Elsevier because we have an electronic backfile in our Electronic Journal Center and many of those print backfiles are stored in depositories. We started deduping alphabetically by title but soon discovered that many of the Elsevier titles had few volumes in the depositories and the space savings was minimal. So, we decided to take a step back and research which titles had a large number of duplicate volumes in the depositories regardless of publisher. We identified 15 titles to start with and have completed that initial list while fully verifying at the issue level. These are titles with thousands of volumes in 4 or more depositories. We have discovered that just deduping one title results in significant space savings. Our policy is to maintain one complete print run of each title in one or more depositories. Since completing the initial 15 titles, we have determined that the time taken to verify at the issue level was significant, about 2.5 minutes per volume. Our experience

has shown that in very few cases there are missing issues or pages and if there were, that copies were available on a national basis where these issues and pages could be retrieved. So, starting with the 2<sup>nd</sup> list of 19 large volume serial titles, we created a new verification policy that states that we will verify each title only at the volume level for all titles where there are at least two print copies available through OCLC. Though we do not yet have sufficient data, we expect this to speed up the verification process significantly so that more titles can be deduped in a shorter timeframe.

### **LSTA Grant Awarded to Identify Unique Titles in Southeast Depository**

Ohio University, in partnership with OhioLINK, has received a \$46,207 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant for a pilot project geared toward the next generation of mass print storage.

This pilot project will use data analysis to identify, select and preserve unique print materials from Ohio's Southeast Regional Depository (SEORD) to relocate approximately 40,000 unique and uncommonly held print monographs. Uniqueness in this context means unique to Ohio, e.g. the Southeast Depository holds the only copy or copies in the State of Ohio. The goal of this project is to relocate the unique material to a new location and then lower the lending priority of the remaining material to see if demand is low enough to eventually withdraw the material, freeing up the depository to be reused for other purposes without costly and staff intensive deduplication efforts. For more information, see the press release at [https://www.ohiolink.edu/press/ohio\\_university\\_ohiolink\\_awarded\\_lsta\\_grant](https://www.ohiolink.edu/press/ohio_university_ohiolink_awarded_lsta_grant)

### **Questions?**

If you have questions regarding this report, please contact Anita Cook, [anita@ohiolink.edu](mailto:anita@ohiolink.edu).