Announcing a New Partnership for Shared Print

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Proliferation of Monograph Shared Print Programs 2011 - 2019

- 2011: 2.3 Million
- 2015: 6.9 Million
- 2016: 12.7 Million
- 2017: 33.3 Million
- 2019: 46.4 Million

16 programs
300+ libraries
Vision

Ensure the long-term preservation of, access to, and integrity of monographic print resources.

Mission

Coordinate collaboration among shared print monograph initiatives and collections in North America to support cost-effective retention and access to shared print monograph collections.
Our vision is to ensure the long-term preservation, access to, and integrity of monographic print resources.
— Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles
What the Partnership is and is not

- A federation of programs, not a separate shared print program
- Membership led with part-time program coordinator
- Focused on best practices but not a standards organization or an infrastructure for shared print
- Open to both existing and forming programs
- Organized to maximize participation by member programs
Best Practices

These best practices are still in draft form and will be revised and finalized following discussions with a wide variety of constituents. Terms used in these best practices are defined in the Shared Print Glossary.

We welcome your feedback!

Sections:

- Collection Scope of Shared Collections
- Retention Period and Survivability
- Storage Environment
- Digital Surrogates
- Replacing, Withdrawing, or Transferring Committed Volumes Lost or Damaged Beyond Usability
- Resource Sharing
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs)
- References and Additional Resources

https://sharedprint.org/
The following best practices are being worked on this year (to start):
• Transferring Commitments
• Preservation
• Programmatic Review and Program Assessment
• Discovery of items/disclosure of items that used to be owned but have relocated for shared print.
• Metadata and records sharing
• Inventory for shared print programs
• Access for users

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Collective collections

A collective collection, also known as a shared print program, involves mostly academic or research libraries collaborating to retain, develop, and provide access to their physical collections. Most collective collections comprise monographs and/or serials.\(^1\) Other efforts have addressed acquisition and/or retention of microform,\(^2\) federal government documents,\(^3\) and digital collections.\(^4\)

## Goals

The goal of collective collections is to preserve and provide access to the scholarly record in its original print form.\(^5\) Each library participating in a collective collection agrees to retain certain titles for a given period of time, usually at least ten years. This practice ensures that the collective collection contains a predetermined number of unique items (such as specific editions of books and complete runs of journals) and that these items will be cared for and made available to all libraries participating in the collective collection. To prevent the loss of a unique title, participating libraries determine an appropriate number of copies that should be retained, so that if one were lost or destroyed, other copies would remain available. Shared print programs base these decisions on the number of libraries involved, the size of the collective collection, availability of the item outside of the collective collection, and other factors.\(^6\)
What else does the Partnership offer?

Reduce the cost of protecting and preserving the scholarly record
Optimal number of copies
Minimizing risk
Maximizing coverage
How the Partnership Works

• Membership dues: $3,000/year
  o Part-time program coordinator
  o Initial 3-year commitment
  o In-kind contributions for other support services
  o Primary governance through the elected Executive Committee
  o Opportunities for program members and their libraries to join working groups
Membership

Below is information on membership:

- Membership Information
- Governance Structure
- Membership Agreement

Have Questions?
Consult the FAQ
Thank you!

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