Retention, intention, and collaborative collection initiatives in Australian academic libraries

More unique than we think
Your presenters today are ...

**Melbourne University**
Australia’s highest ranked university
Established: 1853
Student numbers: 73,000
Staff numbers: 8,100
Annual collection budget: $21 million

[https://library.unimelb.edu.au/](https://library.unimelb.edu.au/)

**Sydney University**
Australia’s first university
Established: 1850
Student numbers: 55,000
Staff numbers: 8,900
Annual collection budget: $22 million

[https://library.sydney.edu.au/](https://library.sydney.edu.au/)

**Monash University**
Australia’s largest university
Established: 1958
Student numbers: 86,753
Staff numbers: 18,850 (9,794 FTE)
Annual collection budget: $25 million

[https://www.monash.edu/library](https://www.monash.edu/library)
The star indicates membership of the Group of Eight, Australia’s leading research-intensive Universities.
Collections expand to fill spaces on campus
Local institutional stores

5km from University of Melbourne campus;
14.8 km of shelving
Shared print initiatives

Asian Libraries in Melbourne (ALIM) is a collaborative venture between Monash University and University of Melbourne libraries. By sharing resources and expertise and jointly developing collections, ALIM facilitates access to Asian materials in Melbourne libraries and provides an enhanced service to researchers and students.

**ALIM Projects**
- ALIM: Guide to Asia-Related Resources
- Asian Studies subscription databases
  - list of Asian Studies databases subscribed to by Australian research libraries
    - updated by ALIM (in November 2013; Korean Studies databases in July

**Library Guides by ALIM members**

**Monash University**
- Asian Collections
- Chinese Studies
- Indonesian Studies
- Japanese Studies
- Korean Studies
- Japanese Teaching Collection

**The University of Melbourne**
- Arabic and Islamic Studies
- Asian Studies
- Chinese Studies
- Indonesian Studies
- Japanese Studies
- Learning Chinese
- Taiwan Studies
Collaborative storage : CARM

see https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mT9QjflZ2E for video of construction
RECENT INITIATIVES

- Print Benchmarking
- HathiTrust Print Retention
- Scholarly Content Engagement Analytics
Print Benchmarking – GreenGlass/OCLC

**IMPETUS**
- Investigate East Asian language collections
- Understand our print collections
- Identify strengths and weaknesses
- Pursue benchmarking
- Possible shared collection development scenarios

**BENEFITS**
- Shows us pictures of ourselves
- Ability to answer some big questions almost immediately
- Evidence-based approach to challenge and confirm assumptions
- Fantastic support from OCLC
- Space and time saving opportunities

**POSSIBILITIES**
- Analyse collections in GG with ebook data
- Validate and build on previous work in this space (ARLCAP 2004)
- Determination for shared storage and larger scale retention at local and national levels
- HathiTrust and unlimited data remediation scenarios
The MMS Shared Print Collection

**Title Sets**
3,039,909

**Title Holdings**
4,150,740

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<td>Title sets represented in HathiTrust</td>
<td>33%</td>
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East Asian Language Collections Overview

1. 'chi'

2. 'kor'

3. 'jpn'
MMS holdings overlaid with (Adelaide, UNSW, UQ, UWA)
SAME edition holdings
Hathitrust Print Retention

- Data remediation from Greenglass project
- Leveraging print retention at a regional level
- Agreed methodology for selection
HathiTrust Comparison
Scholarly Content Engagement Analytics

- **Student Head Count**: 57,168
- **Items Borrowed**: 190.7k

**Measure of Student Library Usage**
- Borrowed Items: 19.9%
- Did not borrow any Item: 80.1%

**Library Usage across Campuses**
- Camperdown/Darling: 153.77k
- Clinical Schools: 42
- Intl Campuses: 1.3k
- Other: 6
- Other Sydney Campus: 48.42k
Ratio of Print Borrowings to Student Success
Welcome to Monash University Library

Early library accommodation in Volkswagen factory, Princes Highway 1960?
Image no. 1890
Print Management Program
Retention and Storage Plan
Pondering local initiatives
What are the real problems we are trying to solve?
Collaboration around collections is in the DNA of Australian libraries.
Thank you for listening - follow up via

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