Everything not saved will be lost: Preservation in the age of shared print and withdrawal projects

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Introduction
Where preservation librarians come in
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Surveying current programs

- ARL and Oberlin Group Libraries
- 99 respondents
- Presented at 2015 Charleston Conference

MOU Survey (2016)
- Less formal review of MOUs
Prioritizing good stewardship

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—Nintendo “Quit Screen” message
A lack of data: Record quality & accuracy
A lack of data: Cataloging and validation
A lack of data: Loss
A lack of data: Current condition

- Damage and degradation
- Interventions and marginalia
Challenges:

- Recording and sharing retention and condition data
- Decisions to Retain or Withdraw Holdings
- Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)
- Storage environment
Call to Action: A (National) Research Agenda

● Data-informed guidelines for national preservation targets
  ○ Build on existing studies and research
  ○ More wide-reaching statistics needed on condition, presence on shelf, etc.

● Best practices for shared print MOUs
  ○ Explicit emphasis on preservation (environmental guidelines, care/replacement)
  ○ Emphasis on coordinating commitments across programs
Conclusion

Shared print programs (SPPs) are a critical focus for large-scale preservation. Further attention must be paid to the logistical issues, scalability, and ideal policies associated with shared print retention and preservation.
Thank you!

A Few Resources:


