Big Ten Academic Alliance Shared Print Repository Update
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The Big Ten Academic Alliance Shared Print Repository continues to grow its collection of widely held, low-use print journal backfiles. With more than 240,000 volumes in a preservation-quality facility at Indiana University, the BTAA is currently building a second site collection at the University of Illinois.

- Currently, about 241,000 volumes are retained at Indiana. Illinois has ingested about 13,300 volumes.
- Indiana’s retained volumes comprise more than 6,000 titles. Illinois’ volumes represent 192 titles.
- Indiana will flip additional local holdings and take some pre-selected gap fill volumes to reach 250,000 volumes and complete titles held there where possible.
- More than 146,000 candidate volumes have been selected at Illinois for ingest in the next four years.
- The comprehensive list of holdings is available to project managers in CLCme.
- Retention commitments have been recorded in WorldCat and the Journal Retention and Needs Listing (JRNL). Holdings from the Indiana-housed collection have been recorded in the Print Archive Preservation Registry (PAPR).
- The Big Ten Academic Alliance will provide additional informational and training to campus contacts on the JRNL registry and its use soon. Further information will be delivered over the SPR mailing list.

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Additional Shared Collections Efforts

Shared Microformats

A working group has formed to explore shared retention of microformatted publications. Beginning with a small set of common newspaper titles, the group is developing guidelines for selection, retention, and access, and drafting an agreement for participating members. The group currently combines the efforts of librarians from Wisconsin, Penn State, Northwestern, Michigan State, Michigan, and Maryland, with Doug Way of Wisconsin and Michigan State’s Steve Sowards serving as co-chairs. Contact Rebecca Crist for more information.

Rosemont Shared Print Alliance

The Big Ten Academic Alliance Shared Print Repository has partnered with other regional journals-oriented shared print programs to facilitate and promote the retention of print journals in the United States. With partners spanning from coast to coast, the Rosemont Alliance is poised to begin efforts to increase the number of journals volumes retained. In the past six months, the group has examined member programs’ last-copy policies and access principles, and worked with partner agencies to examine the analysis and analytics tools needed in the serials management community. The BTAA’s Director of Library Initiatives Kim Armstrong is serving as chair of the Operations Committee for 2018. John Culshaw, University Librarian at the University of Iowa, is serving as the BTAA’s representative to the Executive Committee through 2019.

Find more information about this partnership at RosemontSharedPrintAlliance.org.

HathiTrust Shared Monographs

Big Ten Academic Alliance member institutions have committed 6,268,818 monograph volumes for local retention through the HathiTrust Shared Monographs program. With 16 million volumes committed through the program from all partners, the Big Ten accounts for more than a third of Phase I commitments. Participating libraries are:

- University of Illinois
- Indiana University
- University of Iowa
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University
- University of Wisconsin