Minnesota Council of Academic Library Directors (CALD)  
Cooperative Collection Management Project  
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Pilot Project Announcement

The Council of Academic Library Directors (CALD), a partnership of academic and research libraries in the state of Minnesota, has approved advancement of a Cooperative Collection Management Program focusing on scarcely held print monographs in the state. The Cooperative Collection Management working group has secured a $72,000 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant to be used for a pilot project to conduct print monographs collections analysis through OCLC's GreenGlass Collections Analysis tool. This GreenGlass data will be used to inform participating libraries which of their titles are scarcely-held by other libraries and are committed to be retained in place. This information will serve as a reference during weeding projects, as these monographs will not be weeded, but libraries can be assured that the other items in their collection that are weeded will remain available through resource sharing in Minnesota.

Institutions participating in the pilot include:
Macalester College  
College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University  
Concordia College  
St. Cloud State University  
St. Catherine University  
Minneapolis College of Art & Design

The pilot project, which will include collections analysis, development of retention models, and securing retention commitments in WorldCat, is expected to be completed in Fall 2019. The pilot group will make recommendations to the larger CALD group regarding further development of the program.

Program Goals

- Provide participating academic libraries an opportunity to reduce their print monograph collections without sacrificing access to resources for our statewide community;
- Allow participating libraries to reclaim space for local needs and other purposes that are beneficial for their community members;
- Develop policies and strategies so that we can effectively preserve our print collections without unnecessary duplication of both older titles as well as new titles and still maintain enough circulating copies for interlibrary lending;
- Identify unique print items within collections of participating libraries for preservation and potential digitization;
• Develop a framework or process by which libraries could withdraw and responsibly relocate items that no longer had local interest, but with potential to be unique or scarcely held;
• Ensure that we have a shared understanding of preservation needs and a strategy for managing withdrawal issues of last copy;
• Recognize the potential and value in distributed responsibility for ensuring enduring access;
• Contribute and participate in other regional and national projects of shared print preservation efforts and look for opportunities to increase cooperative efforts.

Eligible Participants

The Council of Academic Library Directors (CALD) is an ad-hoc group facilitated by Minitex, the publicly supported network of academic, public, state government, and special libraries working cooperatively to improve library service for their users in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. CALD participation is voluntary, and is open to the directors from these institutions:

Argosy University  Minnesota State University Moorhead
Augsburg University  Minnesota State Law Library
Bethel University  Mitchell-Hamline School of Law
Bethany Lutheran College  North Central University
Bemidji State University  Northwestern Health Sciences University
Carleton College  Saint Mary's University
College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University  Southwest Minnesota State University
University of St. Scholastica  St. Cloud State University
Concordia College  St. Olaf College
Concordia University  State Law Library
Crown College  University of St. Thomas
Gustavus Adolphus  University of Minnesota Crookston
Hamline University  University of Minnesota Duluth
Luther Seminary  University of Minnesota Morris
Macalester College  University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Martin Luther College  University of Northwestern - St. Paul
Mayo Clinic Libraries  Winona State University
Metropolitan State University
Minneapolis College of Art & Design
Minnesota State University Mankato