

Update on Committee on Institutional Cooperation's Shared Print Repository (CIC-SPR)

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The CIC-SPR is a centralized print repository serving fifteen member institutions. A program of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation's Center for Library Initiatives, the CIC-SPR is committed to providing print access to a shared collection of journal backfile volumes. The first phase of this initiative is now underway, with plans for securing some 250,000 volumes over five years.

The CIC-SPR stores collocated, shared print volumes supplied by member libraries in a centralized storage facility. The collection includes a single print copy of widely held, seldom-used print volumes, with access assured to CIC members and their campus affiliates. Libraries retain ownership of all items supplied to the joint collection, ensuring long-term stability and collaboration. More information, including policies and recent updates, can be found at www.cic.net/projects/library/shared-print-repository/.

Recent Activities

- To date some 95,000 journal backfile volumes are secured in the high-density storage facility at Indiana University. We are preparing to ingest 50,000 additional volumes of Springer, Wiley, and Elsevier content from several schools.
- Current collection development is centered on large society publishers and major science trade journals. Indiana University is currently evaluating their holdings for these publishers; we expect to move to other libraries this spring.
- Per the terms of our MOU, a program assessment is currently underway to evaluate the program and plan for future development. The final product will be delivered to library directors in May for their consideration.
- CIC has been working with CRL to develop multi-institutional collections analysis possibilities, and has discussed preparing records for inclusion in the PAPR registry.
- Items in the repository are available to consortium members under the OCLC code IULSP.

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