This year, HathiTrust’s Shared Print Program will celebrate its 5 year anniversary in July 2022. This is an incredible milestone for any shared print program, and one we are looking forward to.

To date, we have 82 HathiTrust member libraries who have committed to retain over 18 million monographs volumes. These volumes represent more than 5.6 million individual titles held in the HathiTrust Digital Library (about 76% of all HathiTrust digital monographs), which is a significant step toward a primary goal of the program: to steward print copies of all HathiTrust digital holdings.

Since our beginnings in 2017, we have made significant progress on securing a collective collection with our members that offers both print and digital security. This past year has been no exception. Since our last update, HathiTrust’s Shared Print Program has focused many of our efforts on the findings from our 2021 shared print program assessment.¹

Scoping Next Phase for Shared Print
As our program enters its 5th year we are excited to define the next phase of work and are putting substantial effort into transforming the next phase by listening to feedback from our members, advisory groups, and HathiTrust governance. We aim to be transformational in our next phase by focusing on securing commitments on non-circulating unique HathiTrust single part monographs. This phase would be called the “Unique Non-Circulating Collection.” There is still considerable planning that needs to occur, so be sure to stay tuned or follow our website for more details as they develop.

Formalized Processes for Programmatic Needs
As our program matures, there is a need to operationalize several policies and procedures. This year, we finalized procedures for members to report lost, missing, and damaged commitments, along with the internal processes for securing new commitments, as needed, on those items. We also developed procedures for members who may need to withdraw from our program before MOUs expire.

Collaborations

¹ “Assessment and Advancement of our Shared Print Program” which can be found at https://www.hathitrust.org/blogs/perspectives-from-hathitrust/assessment-and-advancement-of-our-shared-print-program.

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HathiTrust’s Shared Print Program continues to value our collaborations with other shared print programs. We continue to be actively involved in the Partnership for Shared Book Collections. Heather Weltin is currently a member of the Operations Committee and co-convenor of the Best Practices Working Group.

Our collaboration with the California Digital Library and the Center for Research Libraries (CCH Collaboration) to integrate shared print into the lifecycle of collections has been a primary focus of our work this year. The CCH Collaboration recently hosted the “Summit for Shared Print in the Collections Lifecycle” which brought together the shared print community, library technology and service providers to map a path forward for embedding shared print in the collections lifecycle. More details on the summit and collaboration can be found at https://www.cchcollab.org/summit.

Along with the items above, HathiTrust’s Shared Print Program continues working toward shared print data improvement through a redesign and build of our internal data systems, and opportunities to make commitments more visible to members and others. We are also working toward future initiatives that bring meaningful shared print commitments for our members, such as securing commitments on a U.S. Federal Document title in HathiTrust’s Digital Library in order to pilot this concept further for our program. All this as we celebrate our 5-year milestone and look forward to many years of providing value to members of our shared print program.

To find out more about our program, please visit our website or contact Heather Weltin, HathiTrust’s Shared Print Program officer.