



Maine Shared Collections Cooperative (MSCC) June 2015 PAN Update Report

IMLS Funding

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) funding for the Maine Shared Collections Strategy (MSCS) ended on March 31st, 2015. The final report for the MSCS was submitted in April 2015ⁱ. The work of Maine Shared Collections would not have been possible without the support of IMLS.

Governance of MSCC

The Maine Shared Collections Cooperative (MSCC) continues to oversee the post-grant period of Maine Shared Collections. In January 2015, the MSCC Collections and Operations Committee held its inaugural meeting. The Committee will oversee issues related to the selection of materials for retention, as well as issues related to holdings disclosure and access/delivery. The Committee is mainly comprised of representatives from the grant partner libraries, but each new member is assigned a representative on the Committee. A community college representative has also been appointed to the Committee to represent the needs of the seven community colleges that have joined the MSCC.

In February 2015, the MSCC Executive Committee held its inaugural meeting. The role of the Executive Committee has so far been to approve applications for membership to the Cooperative and review the language of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Collection Analysis Services

The Maine Shared Collection Librarian, Matthew Revitt (formerly the MSCS Program Manager) has been promoting the MSCC collection analysis services at library events and meetings and in publications across the State. As of June 10th 2015, Revitt and the MSCC Systems Librarian Sara Amato have worked with 22 Maine libraries on analyzing their print monograph collections (ranging from small public libraries to University of Maine system libraries). Based on experiences from the grant the MSCC provides libraries with spreadsheet reports which will assist them in identifying both retention and withdrawal candidates. The libraries are charged a one-off fee to cover the costs of Amato extracting holdings data from OCLC WorldCat, local ILS systems, and the union catalog MaineCat and compiling the spreadsheets.

The spreadsheets show:

- Titles they own that have already received a Maine Shared Collections retention commitment.

- A subset of committed to retain titles they hold that already have a Maine Shared Collections retention commitments and have had fewer than two circulations at the local library since being added to the collection.
- Titles they own with zero Maine holdings in OCLC WorldCat (also includes overlap with MaineCat).
- Titles they own with 10 or fewer holdings in OCLC WorldCat (also includes overlap with MaineCat).
- All item level records with circulation and OCLC WorldCat holdings overlap data.

The libraries MSCC works with are also provided with documentation that identifies incorrect and missing metadata that were required in the data matching (e.g. incorrect and missing ISBN, OCLC numbers). This can be used to correct records, benefiting other libraries in Maine's shared resource environment.

On average, 40% of the print monograph collections of the libraries the MSCC have worked with so far already have MSCC retention commitments at another library, which means substantial withdrawal opportunities. For retention at these libraries, generally, the titles identified as retention candidates are those where there are fewer than ten holdings in OCLC, don't have an existing MSCC retention commitment, or are Maine related. On average the amount of titles identified as potential retention candidates account for less than 1% of the library's print monograph collection.

In the future, grant support may be required to cover the costs of analysis for those libraries for which the fees is cost prohibitive. Grant funding would also allow the MSCC to investigate carrying out collections analysis with libraries that use non-Innovative Interfaces and Koha ILS because this work would require time investigating how data could be compared across different ILS.

Membership in Maine Shared Collections Cooperative

MSCC membership has more than doubled over the previous six months, of the 22 libraries the MSCC have worked with on analyzing their collections, 12 have so far formally joined the MSCC and have collectively agreed to retain approximately 300 titlesⁱⁱ.

Libraries that choose not to go through the collection analysis can still participate in Maine Shared Collections by self-nominating titles they feel warrant a retention commitment.

Documenting Retention Commitments

In February 2015, technical services representatives from the MSCS grant libraries met with Amy Wood, from Center for Research Libraries (CRL) to discuss correcting holdings information submitted to ensure it's consistent and in line with best practice before being documented in the Print Archives Preservation Registry (PAPR). Since this meeting, corrections have been made by both CRL and local staff. MSCS retention commitments are now recorded in PAPR. The holdings information will be updated on a periodic basis.

Most new MSCC libraries are not OCLC members. However, for those that are, OCLC Shared Print Symbols have been requested. Staff from the University of Maine have worked with new libraries to record the commitments in the Local Holding Records of titles committed to retain.

The central union catalog, MaineCat is on the current version of Inn-Reach which has enhancements to support loading of 583 retention fields from the local system into the union catalog and display within the OPAC. Maine InfoNet staff are working on the adjustments necessary for the display to work.

Retention commitments are also recorded in local catalogs, including for the first time for the MSCC, in a Koha ILS. Unfortunately, it's not possible to add MARC fields at the item level, so, we couldn't add 583 retention commitments in the item records. Instead the retention commitment is recorded at the bib level. This solution works in a stand-alone system, but as part of a consortia, it's important that vendors support 583 fields in items.

To ensure consistency all MSCC retention commitments expire in 2028.

MSCC Involvement in Regional and National Shared Print Initiatives

MSCC representatives continue to be involved in the planning stages of the Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust (EAST). Colby College is the only MSCC library that has pledged to participate in the EAST collection analysis process and join as an individual member. However, the MSCS retention commitments will be used as a factor in EAST's collection analysis.

Matthew Revitt and Clem Guthro, Chair of Maine Shared Collections Executive Committee and Director of Colby College Libraries, are members of the HathiTrust Print Monograph Archive Planning Task Force, which is developing a national approach to shared print monographs.

Print-On-Demand (POD) and E-book-On-Demand (EOD) Services

The number of print-on-demand requests received in the state-wide union catalog MaineCat has been extremely low, as of June 2015 only one request had been processed since the service went back online in December 2014.

In May 2015, to raise awareness of the on-demand services, a monthly top ten viewed on-demand titles was circulated to Maine library listservs and published on the MSCC website which generated some discussionⁱⁱⁱ.

ⁱ <http://www.maineinfonet.org/mscs/wp-content/uploads/IMLS-Final-Report-Final-Version.pdf>

ⁱⁱ <http://www.maineinfonet.org/mscs/about/partners/>

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://www.maineinfonet.org/mscs/updates/2015/05/13/top-10-mainecat-on-demand-record-views/>