



Maine Shared Collections Strategy (MSCS) January 2015 PAN Update Report

Sustainability

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) funding for the Maine Shared Collections Strategy (MSCS) officially ends on March 31st, 2015. On September 1st 2014, the Maine Shared Collections Cooperative (MSCC) began its activities to oversee the post-grant period. The University of Maine is supporting these efforts by funding the role of Maine Shared Collection Librarian who coordinates the Cooperative's activities; Matthew Revitt (formerly the MSCS Program Manager) has been appointed to this position. The Maine InfoNet Executive Board have appointed the MSCC Board of Directors who represent constituencies that are participants in the Cooperative. The Board approved the appointment of members to the MSCC Collections and Operations Committee, currently each MSCS library grant partner has a representative on the Committee.

Following a successful pilot project with Edythe L. Dyer Community Library, Matthew Revitt and MSCC Systems Librarian Sara Amato have worked with 12 libraries on analyzing their print monograph collections (ranging from small public libraries to larger academic institutions). Based on our experiences from the grant we provide 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 compiling the spreadsheets and extracting holdings data from OCLC WorldCat, local ILS systems, and union catalog MaineCat.

The spreadsheets show:

- Overlap with Maine Shared Collections retention commitments.
- Sub-set of overlap of retention commitments with titles that have fewer than two local circulations.
- Titles with zero Maine holdings in OCLC WorldCat (also includes overlap with MaineCat).
- Titles with 10 or fewer holdings in OCLC WorldCat (also includes overlap with MaineCat).
- Records that need their metadata cleaning e.g. ISBN, OCLC numbers.
- All item level records with circulation and OCLC WorldCat holdings overlap data.

MSCC has recently established a pilot project with a library using a Koha ILS, which is a first for MSCC. If successful, it would mean we could market services beyond those libraries using Innovative Interfaces' products.

On average, 33% of the print monograph collections of the libraries we have worked with so far have MSCC retention commitments which means substantial withdrawal opportunities. Similarly to the grant we have been focusing on retaining 'rare' titles (10 or fewer holdings in OCLC), particularly local interest

Maine related titles (that don't have an existing MSCC retention commitment) which are viewed as the retention priority for the libraries we have worked with thus far. The number of titles in this 'rare' category is around 100 and make up 1% of the print monograph collection at each library we have worked with, so sufficiently low enough for us to be able to complete title-by-title reviews and select which titles should be committed to retain. The newly formed MSCC Collections and Operations Committee plan to look at whether there are subject areas MSCC should prioritize for retention.

So far the University of Maine Farmington, University of Maine at Presque Isle, Edythe L. Dyer Community Library, Eastern Maine Community College, and Witherle Memorial Library have become members of MSCC and between them have agreed to commit to retain a total of 200 titles.

Documenting retention commitments

In July 2014, OCLC completed the loading of all approximately 1.4 million Maine Shared Collections Strategy retention commitments, both for monographs and journals. Our retention commitments are publically displayed in OCLC using the Shared Print Symbol¹.

Innovative Interfaces are currently testing a new version of Inn-Reach with enhancement to support loading of 583 retention fields from the local system into the union catalog and display within the OPAC. We hope these enhancements will address our issues with the display and transfer of 583 to the INN-Reach central union catalog, MaineCat.

MSCC are working with new members to record retention commitments and have OCLC shared print symbols for new members that are OCLC members.

Center for Research Libraries (CRL) are currently in the process of adding holdings information for committed to retain journals and serials to the Print Archives Preservation Registry (PAPR).

Print-On-Demand (POD) service

In December 2014, the MSCS supported print-on-demand service went back online with the University of Maine Printing and Mailing Service and Bookstore administering the service on a cost-recovery basis which we hope will ensure its sustainability.

¹ <http://www.worldcat.org/title/allen-hex-socket-screw-handbook/oclc/13506959>