



BTAA Shared Print Collection Update January 2020

Current Collection Status

The SPR currently holds more than 400,000 volumes, comprising nearly 10,300 titles. Indiana has exceeded its initial expectations and is continuing to fill gaps in held titles on a limited basis. The collection at Illinois has surpassed 120,000 volumes; we are set to begin filling gaps in those titles in January 2020, and are evaluating potential sources for additional full titles.

Current Collection Statistics

Collection	Titles	Volumes
at Indiana	6,525	266,954
at Illinois	3,771	142,291
Total	10,296	409,245

Collection Usage

Usage requests continue to be very light, with fewer than 50 requests for physical items and fewer than 1,000 requests for article scans in the lifetime of the project.

Retention commitments for the SPR are registered in OCLC/WorldCat, JRNL, PAPR, and are distributed to member libraries through the myBTAA shared space. Representatives from member libraries meet monthly via teleconference.

Reference Pilot

In the spring, Illinois looked at their already-held reference collection for titles that met specific criteria: serials, with larger volume runs, available electronically, and likely to be widely held. From an initial pool of 104 candidates, they ingested 49 reference titles into the SPR collection, including such space-consuming titles as Books in Print, Psychological Abstracts, and the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature. This small pool of titles will be included in gap-filling process. Although many of the titles were not considered to be suitably duplicated electronically, there continues to be interest in expanding the list of reference works.

Other Recent Activity

- In the past year, the University of Chicago sent a sizeable pool of gap fill content to Indiana. Indiana has finished processing these volumes and updated holdings are available to members through myBTAA.org.
- Illinois has added titles from across their campus, building a collection of more than 3,000 titles of fully validated, secured print journals, primarily in the sciences and available electronically.
- Branching out from academic journals, we approved a set serials reference titles, reserving a print copy of several large, shelf-space consuming works.
- The SPR has participated in a number of national partnerships and has participated in advising on major serials initiatives, including:
 - The Rosemont Shared Print Alliance, which worked over the past year to develop requirements for a serials decision-support system, and advanced policies on last copy retention and access to shared serials;
 - CRL and OCLC, who are collaborating through a Mellon grant to shore up infrastructure for serials shared print in PAPR and WorldCat and other OCLC tools; and
 - JRNL, the Journal Retention and Needs Listing, which has restructured some architecture to better facilitate gap filling

Additionally, Big Ten libraries individually continued offering retention commitments for monographs under the HathiTrust Shared Monographs program. As of May 2019, HathiTrust had retained 17,889,303 single-part monographs, or 5,476,598 individual (de-duplicated) titles. Of those 17.8 million, about 7.5 million were retained by Big Ten institutions.

Future Work

- We are beginning to fill gaps in the collection held at Illinois, building toward the 250,000 volume target while evaluating additional titles
- As Indiana winds down collaborative collecting, we will prepare a final inventory of collection at IU.
- All Big Ten Academic Alliance programs undertake a periodic program review, and 2020 is the lucky year for the SPR. More information to come.
- Big Ten library directors are currently shaping the framework to advance the BIG Collection, a move toward more fully integrating the collections of the member libraries to act as a single collection. As they prepare for this highly collaborative future, we expect further conversation about the future of collective print management. Stay tuned!

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