CRL Print Archive Network (PAN) Update
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The Center for Research Libraries (CRL) is an international consortium of research libraries that supports research and teaching in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences. CRL’s focus on print archiving activities is motivated by our member libraries’ charge to build and maintain shared collections—both current and archival. In addition to serving as a trusted repository of print collections in its own right, CRL also works on behalf of our member libraries, who invest heavily in local print resources, to gather and analyze data to inform those activities and to share expertise and best practices.

Highlights for July 2019-January 2020

- PAPR includes holdings information about 145,500 unique titles, a 6.5% increase from June 2019.
- JSTOR’s electronic holdings have been added to PAPR

Meetings

PAN Meeting
The Print Archive Network (PAN) Forum met before ALA Annual in Washington, DC on Friday, June 21, 2019. The meeting included updates from WEST, and presentations from Heather Weltin of HathiTrust on visualizations for shared print, University of Minnesota’s Mary Miller on Guiding Principles for Considering Participation in Shared Print Programs and Matthew Revitt’s perspective on looking beyond the Academic community in shared print. CRL’s Judy Alspach reported on the South Asia Cooperative Collection Development group’s work to develop a print retention statement. There were approximately 112 attendees at the June meeting. Details of the event were reported in CRL’s Notes from PAN Annual 2019 and event summary. An archive of past PAN meetings, including presentations and program updates, is available on the CRL website.

Current Projects

PAPR

The Print Archives and Preservation Registry (PAPR) is designed to support archiving and management of serials collections by providing comprehensive information about titles, holdings, and the terms and conditions of archiving for the major print archiving and shared print programs. PAPR includes:

- A searchable directory of print archiving programs and facilities housing archived print content.
- Display of title and holdings information from contributing print archiving programs.
- Downloadable reports of titles and holdings for participating print archiving programs.
- Statistics about PAPR holdings.
- A dashboard with news and data of relevance to the print archive community.
Since July 2019 CRL has updated records for six programs in PAPR; BTAA SPR, CRL JSTOR, EAST, Harvard JSTOR, Scholars Trust and WEST. PAPR now includes 145,500 unique titles and 257,100 total holdings, an increase of 6.5% from June 2019.

The PAPR interface has been improved to enable users to view, simultaneously, all holdings for a given title. Previously the display of holdings was limited to one library and users needed to toggle back and forth between screens to compare holdings among libraries. The PAPR ingest of electronic holdings now includes JSTOR’s electronic holdings in addition to CLOCKSS and Portico.

**CRL Collection Comparison Services**

From July–October 2019, CRL’s collection comparison services team supported the work of the Scholars Trust shared print program in its serials collection analysis and cross-institution holdings comparison. CRL aggregated approximately one million serial records from 11 ASERL Scholars Trust libraries to identify uniqueness and overlap across the participating libraries. CRL also assessed overlap between this group and the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance. The effort provided Scholars Trust a greater understanding of the scope of serials holdings among all ASERL Scholars Trust libraries which will inform decisions about collection growth for both Scholars Trust and their participation in the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance.

CRL continues its support of ReCAP libraries’ collection analysis. The period between June and December 2019 focused on aggregation of the print serial holdings of NYPL, Princeton University and Columbia University at the volume level. This data was analyzed to identify uniqueness and overlap of their collections below the title level. The analysis was used to create a draft report of overlap within the ReCAP facility to support continued curation of that collection. This work was undertaken as part of ReCAP’s Phase III “Discovery to Delivery” grant funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

**Assignment of ISSN’s for Historical Print Journals**

CRL continues to support shared print by applying for new ISSNs for legacy print serial titles that lack the identifier. Since June 2019, 40 applications were processed. 23 ISSNs were assigned to CRL-held titles, 17 were for earlier or later titles in the same serial “family.”

**OCLC/CRL “Infrastructure for Shared Print Collections” Grant**

CRL continues to work with OCLC on a two year grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to enhance the underlying infrastructure of the OCLC WorldCat database and PAPR to accommodate, manage, and make accessible actionable data for shared print serials management. Work this period focused on supporting the synchronization of OCLC’s WorldCat with PAPR and data sharing among programs. CRL helped test the new import/export procedures built by OCLC.

To test OCLC’s tool, CRL tested importing CRL’s JSTOR collection data from PAPR into WorldCat using WMS Collection Manager’s data sync functionality. Another test of the import procedures used a data file of four libraries from the EAST program at the end of January 2020. To export records, CRL used WMS Collection Manager’s query collection functionality.
to compile and export shared print records from WorldCat into PAPR. Additional information about these results was reported by OCLC at the PAN meeting.

Also as part of this work CRL has improved PAPR functionality. PAPR can now export records in the format required for WorldCat shared print batch loading and format data as LHRs to share with systems that require MARC formatted data.

**JSTOR Print Archive**

As of January 17, 2020 CRL has archived 83,946 volumes of the JSTOR print volumes. This is approximately 72% of CRL’s target collections within the JSTOR archival serials collections. CRL continues to build the journal archive, working with regular deposits from CRL members. This year depositors include, Rutgers University, The University of Vermont, The University of Arizona, St. Lawrence University and other CRL member libraries throughout the U.S. and Canada.

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- The many participants and attendees of CRL print archive related meetings.