



Big Ten Shared Print Repository Members Update

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Overview

The shared print repository will conclude collecting at Indiana at the end of the year, and is on pace to have 20% of capacity at Illinois by the end of the fiscal year. Requests for print loans remain extremely low, and although requests for article access have increased as the collection has grown, article requests for retained items also remain minimal. With operations becoming more routine, we are updating documentation and focusing on improving access to project information.

SPR Collection at Indiana

Indiana will have completed flipping local holdings by the end of May, with approximately 247,000 volumes confirmed. With the list of titles to be held at IU finalized, the BTAA office will be working with other schools to solicit gap fill volumes, starting with libraries that have submitted volumes previously. With coordinated shipping and processing, the collection at IU should be formally finished at the end of the year. The BTAA office will cease active coordination of gaps then, though IU has generously offered to continue accepting appropriate offered gap-fill volumes.

SPR Collection at Illinois

Illinois currently has approximately 50,000 volumes ingested. They will continue adding local holdings through the end of the year from high-overlap print candidates already in their high density storage facility. After schools commit gap holdings from Indiana, we will begin soliciting gap fill for a subset of titles at Illinois, and continue rolling fill on a schedule to allow supplying schools to plan ahead and to prevent pile ups at Illinois.

	Indiana	Illinois	Total
Volumes	247,000	50,345	297,345
Titles	6,051	822	6,873

Usage

In the lifetime of the project, 539 article requests and 6 print loans have been fulfilled from Indiana. Of these, 57 article scans and 5 print loans serviced requests from Big Ten member schools.

Policies and Communication

The BTAA office is upgrading its consortial sharing site (formerly CICme) to a Sharepoint-based information portal, myBTAA. As we organize and transfer documents to the new site, we are ensuring that older documentation is updated if necessary. At least one contact from each campus is designated as the project liaison with access to this folder.

Moreover, we are taking advantage of the more routine operations currently underway to make SPR-related information easier to find. Complete SPR holdings are now found in the traditional spreadsheet on the myBTAA site, but holdings can also be found on the Journal Retention and Needs Listing, a tool used by a number of consortia to indicate serials retention. The BTAA conducted a webinar and a follow-up question-and-answer session in April to introduce the tool to Big Ten library staff and is looking to build better and faster communication with libraries.

Rosemont Shared Print Alliance

After several months of work with SCS framing the potential for a Greenglass-like tool for serials, OCLC has opted not to pursue this product at this time. With Kim Armstrong chairing the Operations Committee this year, the group is returning focus to defining the depth of currently retained journals across the consortia, and setting and refining goals to advance the cooperative effort. John Culshaw, University Librarian at the University of Iowa, represents the Big Ten on the Executive Committee.

The Big Ten SPR retains approximately 14% of serials titles retained collectively by Rosemont consortia (exclusive of EAST, who has not yet provided data). Of these, 9% are held only by the BTAA; 32% are held by all four data-providing consortia (BTAA, WEST, FLARE, and ASERL). These numbers reflect our program's mission to store highly duplicated, digitally available content.