



BTAA Shared Print Collection Update

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Current Collection Status

The Big Ten Academic Alliance Shared Print Repository has retained 8,928 titles to date across two co-located host sites. These titles are widely held, highly duplicated across members' collections, and available in common electronic licensing packages, leading to low circulation and minimal service requests. Because the collections are centrally located in high density storage, items are physically validated as they are processed for the shared collection. Although the shared collection is a small percentage of the Big Ten's total collective journals collection, it is highly curated and deliberately selected to ensure longevity and confidence in the project among participants.

The Phase I collection, housed at Indiana University's Auxiliary Library Facility, includes more than 260,000 volumes, comprising more than 6,300 titles. The collection has ceased adding new titles but is accepting gap volumes from partner members to complete the retained serials, with some 12,000 volumes for gap fill committed from several libraries.

The Phase II collection is hosted at the University of Illinois' Oak Street Facility and has amassed more than 100,000 volumes, roughly 2,600 titles, in two years of collection building.

Prospective Print Pilot

Six BTAA libraries have invested in a pilot prospective print agreement with Oxford University Press. Under this agreement, the libraries have access to digital monographs through their campuses, and a single print copy is retained on behalf of the group. To date 75 titles have been received through this effort.

Partnerships with Shared Print Networks

The [Rosemont Shared Print Alliance](#) has revised its existing roadmap to indicate progress in key areas and adjust target dates for active goals. The BTAA is updating holdings in commonly identified commitment registries to facilitate larger analysis with partnering shared print programs. Given the nature of titles selected for inclusion in the SPR, predictably high rates of overlap between BTAA retained titles and titles retained by other Rosemont programs are indicated by preliminary analysis—furthering the Alliance's goal of committing three copies of titles to retention.

Retention commitments for Phase II of the [HathiTrust Shared Monographs Collection](#) have recently been finalized. Seven BTAA institutions (Indiana, Iowa, Ohio State, Penn State, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) are participating in this second phase of commitments, which sought to ensure a print copy of every digital HathiTrust volume is retained. Ten BTAA institutions have participated in the two phases, to date committing more than 6.6 million volumes to the monographs collection, roughly 38% of all volumes retained in the program.

Next Steps

The gap-fill project for Indiana will begin drawing down, though gap fill may continue on an ad-hoc (not centrally coordinated) basis. Among the 6,300 titles at IU, 2,034 are now considered complete.

Illinois will be continue ingesting titles from its local holdings. In the near term we expect to begin defining candidate titles from additional partners and testing workflow for ingesting items from outside the Illinois campus.

Additionally, as the library directors continue to evaluate how to best manage and steward the 115 million volumes held by Big Ten Academic Libraries, we expect to begin conversations about potential next phases for shared collections activity.

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