Goal

The primary goals of the HathiTrust Shared Print Program are to ensure preservation of print and digital collections by linking the two, to reduce overall costs of collection management for HathiTrust members, and to catalyze national/continental collective management of collections. Key attributes of the program are:

- Secure retention commitments for print holdings that mirror book titles in the HathiTrust digital collection
- Maintain a lendable print collection distributed among HathiTrust member collections
- Reflect support by and provide benefits to all HathiTrust members
- Build on existing shared print and resource-sharing arrangements and avoid disturbing members’ other affiliations.

Status

In May 2019, HathiTrust completed Phase 2 of the Shared Print Program. At this time, fifty HathiTrust member libraries have committed to retain 1,578,626 monographs as part of this phase. These newly committed volumes represent more than 750,000 individual titles held in the HathiTrust Digital Library (about 10% of all HathiTrust digital monographs).

As part of Phase 2, HathiTrust focused on a more thoughtful collection building analysis and worked with OCLC’s Sustainable Collection Services (SCS) to identify print holdings in the HathiTrust Digital Library that we lacked retention commitments and aimed to retain up to five copies when possible. As a result of this work, HathiTrust was able to secure retention commitments for 708,120 distinct titles that were not committed in Phase 1.

To date, 76 HathiTrust member libraries have committed to retain almost 18 million monographs volumes to be retained for 25 years under the HathiTrust Shared Print Program’s Phase 1 and 2. These volumes represent more than 5.4 million individual titles held in the HathiTrust Digital Library (about 76% of all HathiTrust digital monographs), which is a significant step toward a
primary goal of the program: to steward print copies of all HathiTrust digital holdings.

Want to hear more? Join us for a Shared Print Program Update on Tuesday, July 16th at 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET/12:00 pm - 1:00 pm PT. Registration for the webinar is available at https://forms.gle/qPWuNsszrFyzgU4VA.

Other Developments

New Web Pages
This year HathiTrust staff also worked on revising our Shared Print Program web pages. We reorganized the pages to make information more discoverable, reduced the overall number of pages, and added some statistics and visualizations. Perhaps the most important change, was to make them more accessible. In addition, we also created a new Retention Libraries page in order to assist Retention Libraries with information they may need and assistance related to the Shared Print Program.

Ability to Update Shared Print Program Registry Retention Information
HathiTrust’s Shared Print Program is frequently contacted by retention libraries to update commitments and the data associated with them. Since this data is critical to future development of our program and potentially other services, HathiTrust is working on finalizing a process that enables these updates and will launch it in the fall.

To find out more about our program, please visit our website or contact Heather Weltin, HathiTrust’s Shared Print Program officer.

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