HathiTrust Shared Print Program
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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.

To date, 77 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.

Developments

Since ALA Midwinter, HathiTrust’s Shared Print Program:

- Published the findings from our retention library survey and discussion groups in a blog post titled “Assessment and Advancement of our Shared Print Program” which can be found at https://www.hathitrust.org/blogs/perspectives-from-hathitrust/assessment-and-advancement-of-our-shared-print-program.
- Continued our goal of registering HathiTrust Shared Print Program retention commitments in OCLC’s Shared Print Registration Service. To date we have registered 4.4 million commitments.
- Offered an Introduction to our shared print program for prospective and current members. The video is available on HathiTrust’s YouTube channel or at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILPc-GZC5-Q.
- Continued to add resources for our members and retention libraries on our resource page at https://www.hathitrust.org/resources-retention-libraries#eight.

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https://www.hathitrust.org/shared_print_program
● Launched an investigation within HathiTrust to scope a pilot to identify and secure commitments on one U.S. federal document serial. The investigation will involve discussions and decisions around policies of including serials in HTSPP with the hopes of expanding shared print commitments to more serials and fed docs in the future.

● Continued our partnership with the California Digital Library and the Center for Research Libraries to integrate shared print into the life-cycle of collections. More details on our work can be found on The Collaboration’s (CCHC) website at https://www.cchcollab.org/about/foundations.

● Continued our active participation in the Partnership for Shared Book Collections. Heather Weltin is currently a member of the Operations Committee and co-convenor of the Best Practices Working Group. HathiTrust has been using the best practices to scope our shared print program development and policies.

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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