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MI-SPI (Michigan Shared Print Initiative) PAN Update, June 2019

Background Information--

Michigan academic libraries have long been a leader in the shared print movement. In 2011, the libraries at Michigan's publicly supported universities sought to devise a collaborative approach to shared print collections among themselves. Eight (8) participating libraries used services and tools developed by Sustainable Collection Services (SCS) to identify such titles in their respective individual collections, and to compare results across the group. The pilot project continued through April 2012. A second data refresh occurred in 2015. To help advance the growth of MI-SPI, consultant Pamela Grudzien was enlisted to assist in planning for the next iteration of MI-SPI. Grudzien's work focused on helping the group revise their governing structure, refine the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), provide recommendations for the next data refresh, and seek out new participants.

MI-SPI 2.0 Launched--

An expanded group of libraries are currently embarking on MI-SPI 2.0. Thirteen (13) academic libraries are joining together for a revised data refresh designed to help these libraries make data-driven decisions about their collections. Using OCLC's GreenGlass software, the 13 libraries will develop a new set of shared retention commitments, ensuring vital print resources are available to researchers and students throughout the state. This project will refresh the MI-SPI collection data in GreenGlass as well as reassign and rebalance retention responsibilities.

As with the initial project, there are a several dimensions to the proposed analysis, including a desire to quantify usage and overlap of holdings; to share costs related to retention; to identify and protect scarcely-held titles; and to withdraw surplus copies of widely-held, low-use titles. MI-SPI is also interested in incorporating regular collection analysis into its ongoing operations—i.e., to develop a model that supports analysis on demand, scheduled data refreshes, and predictable budgeting.

Project participants are interested in using data and evidence-based methods to analyze their respective collections, and to create retention and withdrawal scenarios that support the primary goals of freeing library space for other purposes, while also safeguarding the group's collective holdings. The flexible participation model offered by OCLC allows MI-SPI 2.0 participants to identify individual collection needs along with the group-level shared retention commitments. Throughout the summer months, libraries will work with OCLC to complete the data submission process. During the fall SCS will compile member files. Data analysis and retention assignments will be shared and finalized in early 2020.

MCLS continues to serve as the project facilitator with Group Purchasing Manager, Stephanie Davis, acting as the project coordinator.

MI-SPI 2.0 Partner Libraries

- Baker College
- Central Michigan University
- Eastern Michigan University
- Ferris State University
- Grand Valley State University
- Kettering University
- Michigan State University
- Northern Michigan University
- Oakland University
- Saginaw Valley State University
- University of Michigan-Dearborn
- Wayne State University
- Western Michigan University

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