Overview

In September 2018, the UNC Shared Print Initiative embarked on a monograph retention project funded by an LSTA Grant from the State Library of NC. The UNC Shared Print Initiative uses the Sustainable Collection Services (SCS) GreenGlass analysis tool from OCLC with a goal of creating a shared, but distributed, responsibility for long-term retention of monographs. The project will allow 13 partner libraries in the University of North Carolina system to develop a shared print monograph program that can serve as a state-wide model for North Carolina. It will improve communication among libraries, create efficiencies of access, and ultimately benefit users to ensure that print monographs are available across North Carolina for posterity. It will also maintain and extend the bibliographic diversity of print materials across the state. By investing in this long-term strategy, UNC system libraries will tackle the widespread community challenge that space constraints present in a way that will inform collections decisions favorably for library users for decades to come.

Project Goals

- Data analysis of 4.9 million shared bibliographic records, selection and tagging of catalog records with metadata that consistently reflects monograph retention commitments across the 13 partner libraries.
- A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the partner libraries that outlines commitments, responsibilities, and a retention plan.
- A framework to build the program for future partnerships with the Triangle Research Library Network and/or state-wide to include other NC Libraries, such as private university libraries in the state or region.
- Data sets that can be used for future collections analysis relating to shared monograph retention and access.

Progress To-Date

A steering committee, made up of collections librarians from each of the 13 partner libraries, has held monthly meetings via Zoom, beginning in fall 2018. Data extraction took place in Fall 2018.
and data review in Greenglass began in March 2019. Comparator groups were also submitted in early 2019. Progress reports have been presented to the UNC University Libraries Advisory Council (ULAC) in March and June 2019. Data correction has been made and analysis, retention model discussion has begun and is ongoing. Year 2 LSTA funding was received for 2019-2020 along with additional financial support from the UNC system office.

**Next Steps**

A joint meeting between ULAC and the steering committee will be held in September 2019 to review the data in more depth and to reach agreement on the retention model and terms of the memorandum of understanding. Future partnerships & collaborations will be explored later in the year.

**Partner Libraries**
- UNC Asheville
- Appalachian State University
- East Carolina University
- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- NC A&T State University
- North Carolina Central University,
- UNC Charlotte
- UNC Greensboro
- UNC Pembroke
- UNC Wilmington
- Western Carolina University
- Winston-Salem State University

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