Overview:

The Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA) is the consortium of nonprofit academic libraries within the Commonwealth of Virginia. VIVA’s initial foray into print monograph assessment has its roots in collection development, although it has grown to include the shared retention of 3.5 million volumes among seven of its member institutions: College of William & Mary, George Mason University, James Madison University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Virginia Tech. More information about VIVA’s Monographic Assessment and Retention project can be found here: http://www.vivalib.org/committees/collections/monographiccollectionanalysis.html.

Update:

VIVA participated in the Shared Print Monograph Summit sponsored by EAST in April 2018 and has a representative on the resource sharing working group.

This year, VIVA released an open source tool for visualizing its cooperatively retained monographs, located at https://protectedtitles.vivalib.org/. A sample screenshot is below. The tool allows users to navigate among the titles by a variety of criteria, display duplicate/unique status, and view institutional holdings. Titles can be exported in lists based on the criteria selected. For participating and non-participating members, this tool supports local collection development decisions by clearly showcasing retained materials across the state and allowing the VIVA Central Office to update transferred holdings. Additionally, this tool provides a crucial view of VIVA’s retention commitments, as VIVA does not maintain a union catalog.

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