HathiTrust Shared Print Program

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HathiTrust has begun implementation of its Shared Print Program, which aims to secure retention commitments for print holdings corresponding to all monograph titles in the HathiTrust digital collection.

In Phase 1 (2016-2017), HathiTrust and member libraries will build momentum through a "quick launch" effort that focuses on finalizing policies and the MOU and will identify an initial set of retention partners and commitments. In Phase 2 (2018 and after), we will establish infrastructure to support further collection analysis, collection management, and resource-sharing; define future priorities and services to coordinate print retention and digitization; and add new cohort(s) of Retention Partners and holdings.

Current status of Phase 1 implementation

- More than 50 HathiTrust partner libraries have volunteered to participate as potential Retention Partners, including libraries at universities and colleges from across the United States and from Canada and Australia.
- A Shared Print Advisory Committee (SPAC) was appointed in summer 2016.
- Work is under way to finalize the policies, business model, and MOU based on recommendations by the original planning task force in 2015. We plan to present these governance documents to the HathiTrust Board of Governors for approval in June 2017.
- We are also working to identify prospective retention commitments across the Phase 1 Retention Partners. For most libraries, we will provide matching print holdings for review using records that all members already provide annually to HathiTrust. In some cases, we hope to incorporate existing retention commitments from other programs (e.g. EAST).
- The goal is to complete Phase 1 by fall 2017: final MOU executed by libraries and confirmed retention commitments ready for disclosure.

Key characteristics of Phase 1 retentions

- In the interest of "quick launch", Phase 1 commitments will be volunteered by the libraries with little or no group-wide analysis.
- There will be no program-wide attempt to prevent duplicates or define how many copies to retain. However, we will provide overlap counts in the holdings review file to support local priorities by showing how many copies exist in HathiTrust libraries.
- We will suggest general guidance to assist with selection, such as volumes that are in a storage facility or unique/rarely-held, but libraries will be free to use their own criteria.
- We expect to perform more substantive collection analysis and prioritization during Phase 2.

Additional information can be found at https//www.hathitrust.org/shared_print_program