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Business model
Beyond the grant period, the Maine Shared Collection Strategy will be known as the Maine Shared Collection Cooperative (MSCC). The MSCC Memorandum Of Understanding has been signed by an institutional representative, for example a Board of Trustees or Provost, at all of the MSCS partners.

The Project Team are working on plans for the sustainability of MSCC beyond the grant period and recruiting other libraries to join. Specifically: governance structure, staffing, timeframe for extending membership, membership requirements, collection analysis, and ongoing retention commitment disclosure. MSCS will be circulating to Maine libraries a survey on their storage needs.

Grant extension
IMLS approved MSCS’s grant no-cost grant extension; the official end date of MSCS is now May 31, 2015.

National shared print event
MSCS will use the wrap up of the grant as an opportunity to organize a national shared print event to use the experiences of MSCS and other involved in shared print as a building block for future work. The Center for Research Libraries (CRL) have agreed to co-sponsor the event, which will follow the PAN forum at the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas. See http://www.maineinfonet/mscss/ala2014/.
PALCI members established a distributed print serials archive in 2009, covering journals from the American Chemical Society, American Institute of Physics, and the American Physical Society. A total of 13 member libraries committed to retaining the archival copies, ensuring they are preserved for future use, on behalf of the entire PALCI membership. The initial period of the retention commitment is 10 years. We are scheduled to complete a midpoint review to adjust or update the original commitment by the end of 2014. The holdings for these commitments are registered in CRL/PAPR, and hopefully will be in OCLC soon.

At the same time, PALCI has initiated an additional print serials archive project for the American Psychological Association journals. The holding member libraries and the agreements are expected to be in place by the end of February, 2014.

Future projects currently under discussion include:

- Additional print serials archives
- Reference sets and annuals
- Regional/local newspapers
- Sharing weeding and retention policies across the membership
- Analysis of PALCI member holdings to identify uniquely or scarcely held monographs

PALCI is also exploring possible collaborative opportunities with other groups and funding sources, notably the Northeast Regional Library Print Management Planning Project.

The current PALCI Cooperative Print Collections Committee (CPCC) members are:

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Scholars Trust represents the shared print journal archives of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) and the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC). The combined title list exceeds 8,000 journal titles and more than 300,000 volumes, making the Scholars Trust archive one of the largest print journal repositories in the United States.

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Participating ASERL libraries and the number of titles contributed (just under 4600 titles):

- Auburn (46)   Tulane (9)   U-Tennessee (104)
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Program Highlights -

- The ASERL retained title list (Excel) has been migrated to the Journal Retention and Needs List (JRNL) Gap-filler Software, housed at the University of Florida. For more information regarding JRNL, a recording of the webinar - “Managing your J-Retain Titles in Journal Retention and Needs List (JRNL) Software” from October 18, 2013 is available on the ASERL website at www.aserl.org/archive. A Libguide is also available at http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/JRNL. WRLC is currently investigating options for extracting data on their shared journal holdings for inclusion into JRNL.
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Assigning Mock ISSN: To accommodate the large number of contributed titles that have yet to be assigned an ISSN, the application of a mock ISSN is currently under review. The mock number, in the ISSN form, would conclude in a character other than X (X is the only legitimate non-numeric final character in a real ISSN) and would be replaced by the actual ISSN when one is assigned. The ISSN is a required element in JRNL.

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Next Steps

- A small committee comprised of representatives from ASERL, WRLC and the Academic Repository program (FLARE) will be established to provide general oversight and guidance to the ongoing development and implementation processes for the JRNL database.
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Focused retention initiatives –

- Ag Journals – Land Grant Institutions.
- Other well-described (and space-consuming) sets – a list of approximately 44 titles have been identified for retention by six of the participating ASERL institutions. Representative titles include Chem Abs, Thomas Register, NUC, and NYT Index.
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In May 2013, MSCS libraries agreed to become a conssortial partner of the HathiTrust. However, HathiTrust’s legal counsel had issues with the fact that the consortium was not a legal entity with one counsel and one insurance. MSCS tried to address their concerns by having Maine InfoNet (which is a legal entity) sign the agreement on behalf of the consortium. However, in July 2013 HathiTrust informed MSCS that they were not willing to accept the group as a consortium partner with single holdings. HathiTrust would accept MSCC as a consortium in name, but libraries would pay individually (at a significantly higher cost) and not have Section 108 and print disability access to each other’s materials. HathiTrust’s authentication requirements for individual members meant that the public libraries and the Maine State Library were not able to join. In August 2013, the University of Maine and Colby College agreed to become individual members. In October 2013, Colby College went live as a HathiTrust partner. The University of Maine is close to becoming a partner, after experiencing delays in implementing Shibboleth.

**Business model**
Beyond the grant period, the Maine Shared Collection Strategy will be known as the Maine Shared Collection Cooperative (MSCC). The MSCC Memorandum Of Understanding has been signed by an institutional representative, for example a Board of Trustees or Provost, at all of the MSCS partners.

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**Grant extension**
IMLS approved MSCS’s grant no-cost grant extension; the official end date of MSCS is now May 31, 2015.

**National shared print event**
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Cooperative Print Collections Report
For PAN -- January 23, 2014

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- Additional print serials archives
- Reference sets and annuals
- Regional/local newspapers
- Sharing weeding and retention policies across the membership
- Analysis of PALCI member holdings to identify uniquely or scarcely held monographs

PALCI is also exploring possible collaborative opportunities with other groups and funding sources, notably the Northeast Regional Library Print Management Planning Project.

The current PALCI Cooperative Print Collections Committee (CPCC) members are:

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- Eric Pumroy, Bryn Mawr College
- Jill Ausel, Chatham College
- Rebecca Stuhr, University of Pennsylvania
- Tracie Ballock, Duquesne University
- Tom Karel, Franklin and Marshall College
- Alice Lubrecht, State Library of Pennsylvania
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Update on WRLC’s Shared Print Archive for the January 2014 PAN meeting

Bruce Hulse
January 23, 2014

The Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC) was established as a non-profit corporation in 1987 to support and enhance the library and information services of universities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Currently, our partner universities are:

- American University
- The Catholic University of America
- Gallaudet University
- George Mason University
- The George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Howard University
- Marymount University
- The University of the District of Columbia

The WRLC enables the success of learning and scholarship by creating coordinated collections, creating a robust infrastructure for discovery and access, ensuring the long-term preservation of physical and digital information resources and sharing expertise.

WRLC Shared Collections Facility

The WRLC operates a 24,000 square foot shared collections facility (some people might think of it as a storage facility) on behalf of our partner universities. We completed construction of a second module in fall 2010 and now house 2 million bound volumes and 44,000 archival boxes.

Our Board of Directors has approved construction of a third module, intended to meet our members need through 2020. We expect to break ground next month on an expansion which will add 13,500 square feet to the facility, providing space for approximately 2 million additional volumes. This will bring our overall capacity to 5 million volumes. We expect to complete construction in December 2014.

Scholars Trust

The Association of Southeast Research Libraries (ASERL) and the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC) launched their shared print retention initiative, Scholars Trust (www.scholarstrust.org), in January 2013. The project combines the contents of their respective print journal archives under a single retention and access agreement. The combined title list exceeds 8,000 journal titles and more than 300,000 volumes, making this one of the largest print journal archives in the United States. WRLC and ASERL libraries also provide reciprocal priority Inter-Library Loan (ILL) services across the group. WRLC’s current focus is provision of data regarding our
shared holdings via the JRNL database maintained by the University of Florida. We will be hiring a temporary staff member to handle this project.

*Print collection management*

While our agreement with ASERL represents an important step towards effective management of space in our Shared Collections Facility, it is focused on avoiding redundant retention of periodicals. We have long recognized the monographic collection as needing similar consideration, but have struggled with the imprecision inherent in the MARC data supporting that collection. WRLC has been working with Sustainable Collections Services on an analysis of our circulating monograph collection, which should both provide us a better understanding of duplication within the collection and allow us to identify titles within the collection that are not widely held (and presumably candidate for long term retention). We expect to receive initial collection summary reports from SCS next month.
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