



BTAA Shared Print Collection Update January 2021

Current Collection Status

- Although we continue to build the collection at Illinois and fill known gap volumes in retained titles, the pandemic has affected shipping and stacks staffing, significantly slowing SPR ingest.
- In the next months we intend to continue identifying titles and volumes for ingest in 2021.
- We have begun a periodic program review to evaluate the repository program so far, and to assess the priority of shared print within the BTAA's library initiatives.
- As we draw toward the 2022 conclusion of Phase II, we are beginning to survey members on their interest and priorities for future shared print efforts.

Current Collection Statistics

Collection	Titles	Volumes
at Indiana	6,520	266,544
at Illinois	4,135	158,294
Total	10,621	422,460

In the coming months:

- We will continue to fill gaps in titles held at Illinois, and identify additional titles as needed to meet the 250,000-volume cap.
- The Program Review Committee will survey directors and libraries to assess the program and the interest in the shared print program.

Collection Usage

Usage requests continue to be very light, with fewer than 50 requests for physical items and fewer than 1,000 requests for article scans in the lifetime of the project.

Retention commitments for the SPR are registered in OCLC/WorldCat, JRNL, PAPER, and are distributed to member libraries through the myBTAA shared space. Representatives from member libraries meet monthly via teleconference.

Rosemont Shared Print Alliance

The Rosemont Shared Print Alliance has focused much of the last six months on metadata standards for shared print retention, working with OCLC to clarify and suggest best practices for consistent application of MARC fields. This work complements the efforts of OCLC and CRL to create a system for registering and indicating serials retention commitments in WorldCat and the backend infrastructure that runs it.

The Alliance is also assessing data from the member programs to identify unique titles among the participants for potential inclusion in a Last Copy Retention Program. Because the SPR focuses on widely held title for space reclamation priorities, the BTAA is not pursuing active participation in this program. However, because the individual libraries are likely to be interested in identifying unique and scarce titles, we have asked to continue to participate in the data analysis and planning effort.

OCLC/CRL Shared Print Infrastructure Work

Funded by a Mellon Foundation grant, OCLC and CRL have streamlined a registration process for bulk registering retention commitments, particularly for serials. Although this is valuable work for the community it is not expected to change our current processes significantly.

OCLC has also modified WorldCat.org to make retention commitments more discoverable. Although this information is available to library staff through their OCLC tools, the effectiveness as a public tool is questionable as only records submitted by WorldShare subscribers are included.

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