

The Maine Shared Collections Cooperative's (MSCC) Program Assessment & Planning Survey – Final Report

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Executive Summary

In the spring of 2023, the Maine Shared Collections Librarian Matthew Revitt worked with members of the Maine Shared Collections Cooperative (MSCC) Executive Committee and Collections and Operations Committee on developing a membership survey with the goals of:

- Assessing the impact MSCC has had on MSCC libraries.
- Planning for the next 5 years as MSCC considers what happens when the initial commitment to retain materials expires in 2028.
- Considering possible changes to criteria for which materials are retained.
- Assessing member appetites for participation in future collection analysis and agreeing additional retention commitments.
- Making improvements in how MSCC communicates with its members.

The survey was tested before being distributed to the 42 MSCC member libraries in July 2023. Qualtrics XM was used to develop and distribute the survey.

Thirty-three of the MSCC members responded to the survey. MSCC requested a single consolidated response from each library and the majority of those completing the survey were directors/deans and collection development heads.

The major themes that came out of the survey are:

- **Preservation of and access to print monograph collections remain important to members.** The goals of print preservation and ensuring access for local users of retained monograph titles remain important as a concept to MSCC members, even for those libraries who no longer feel able to continue retaining titles on behalf of MSCC themselves.
- **Current record commitment levels are no longer sustainable.** Most member libraries remain committed to MSCC and are willing to extend some (but not all) of their retention commitments. However, there has been a shift in thinking that space and staffing constraints means that libraries can no longer retain materials at the levels they are currently. Instead, there is a demand from most members that commitments not be renewed for certain categories of material that libraries are not willing to retain, predominantly: non-circulating materials, juvenile fiction and non-fiction, outdated materials, and those with little usage. For some libraries the availability of a reliable digital copy (e.g. in the HathiTrust) should also be factored into deciding how many print copies are retained.
- **Need for greater flexibility in local collection management decision-making.** Members stressed the need for more work on identifying and eliminating out-of-scope material to

lessen the burden on libraries. This would allow for greater flexibility in local withdrawal projects that are an urgent priority for those libraries with space issues.

- **MSCC commitments facilitate local withdrawal projects for monographs.** The presence of a MSCC commitment for print monographs at another library has facilitated local deaccessioning work.
- **Respondents are clear in their desire to remove certain categories of material from having retention commitments.** This is a strong theme throughout the survey.
- **Members overall are very satisfied with the MSCC program.**
- **Communication levels are appropriate.** There was consensus approval on the frequency and methods of member communication provided by MSCC.

Process and Methodology

As a first step to assessing the Maine Shared Collections Cooperative program the Maine Shared Collections Librarian, Collection & Operations Committee, and Executive Committee developed a set of survey questions to:

- Assess the impact MSCC has had on members
- Plan for the next 5 years as MSCC considers what happens when the initial commitment to retain materials expires in 2028
- Consider possible changes to MSCC's criteria for which materials are retained
- Assess member appetites for participation in future collection analysis and agreeing additional retention commitments
- Make improvements in how MSCC communicates with its members

The program assessment surveys of the Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust and the HathiTrust were consulted for the wording of questions and the structure of the survey.

The survey was distributed to the full MSCC membership via email in July of 2023. The intention was for the survey to close on August 18, 2023. But the survey deadline was extended until the middle of September to ensure greater participation.

Only the aggregate (anonymized) results of the survey were shared broadly with the full MSCC membership and library community. Individual survey responses were only seen by the Maine Shared Collections Librarian and MSCC Collections and Operation Committee.

Findings

Results from the responses to each of the major sections of the program assessment survey are provided below. Additional information on the responses to each of the questions on the survey is provided in the Survey Results appendix.

Findings: Demographics

Eighty percent (80%) of MSCC member libraries responded to the survey. We asked for only one response per institution, and respondents were asked to consult with colleagues and provide a joint response for their library. Some 67% of those completing the survey were Library Directors, 15% were department heads, associate, or assistant directors, and 18% were other library staff positions.

Findings: Perspectives on the Importance of MSCC Mission & Goals

This major section of the survey asked members to comment on the importance to their library of specific MSCC goals and to then rate how well MSCC is doing in achieving these same goals.

Overall, the goals of print preservation and ensuring access for local users of retained monograph titles remain important to MSCC members, even for those libraries who no longer feel able to continue retaining titles on behalf of MSCC themselves. Overall, some respondents appeared to express more concern about exercising their right to withdraw items from MSCC commitments rather than the original goal of focusing on the preservation of print materials.

A clear majority of respondents believe MSCC is doing well in achieving its 6 objectives. There remain clear opportunities for communicating how MSCC commitments can be used as a factor in deaccessioning projects and on ways in which MSCC might be able to benefit from participation in wider shared print activities:

- **On preserving print materials** – 81% of respondents indicated MSCC is doing well in achieving the goal of preserving print materials. It's an extremely positive sign that so many respondents feel MSCC is doing so well when it comes to meeting its goal of preserving materials.
- **On ensuring access** – 91% of respondents indicated MSCC is doing well in ensuring access for the library's local users to distributed retained titles. It's an extremely positive sign that so many respondents feel MSCC is doing so well when it comes to ensuring access to print materials.
- **On space reclamation for monographs** – 75% of respondents say MSCC is doing well in relation to facilitating space reclamation by allowing libraries to

deaccession monograph titles. Three percent say that MSCC is not doing well. While most respondents feel MSCC is doing very well when it comes to facilitating space reclamation space, clearly there are opportunities here for MSCC to better communicate ways in which libraries can use the retention commitment data as they undertake deaccessioning projects. Responses to this question likely also indicate that some MSCC member libraries have not yet undertaken any major de-accessioning or space reclamation projects.

- **On space reclamation for serials and journals** – 53% of respondents indicated MSCC is doing well in relation to facilitating space reclamation by allowing libraries to deaccession serials and journal titles, 6% not well, and 28% not applicable. It's clear in the responses to this question that there's less of an awareness of the ways in which libraries can use serials and journals retention commitment data as they undertake deaccessioning projects. This lack of awareness might also be partly down to the majority of MSCC members having not participated in the serials and journals work carried out as part of the IMLS grant project.
- **On participation in shared print nationally** – 62% of respondents indicated MSCC is doing well in participating in shared print at the national/continental level thereby expanding the safety net and access and 28% who don't know. While most respondents feel MSCC is doing so well when it comes to participation in shared print nationally, clearly there are opportunities here for discussions around ways in which libraries might benefit more from MSCC's participation in wider shared print activities.
- **On opportunities to collaborate on projects** – 66% of respondents indicated MSCC is doing well in providing their library with opportunities to collaborate on projects related to the shared print collection and 25% don't know. Similarly to the responses to the above questions there are opportunities here for MSCC to discuss different ways libraries can collaborate on projects related to the shared print collection.

See Question 5 in the Survey Results for details.

Findings: Retention Commitments

This major section of the survey included questions around the impact current retention commitments have had on their library.

Worryingly, among the libraries that indicated they wouldn't extend their retention commitments beyond 2028 were some of MSCC's founding members. Over the course of the next few years serious conversations will need to be had with the directors at these libraries, with the hope of putting in place measures that persuade them to remain in the program.

It is clear from the responses to the questions in this section that current record commitment levels are no longer sustainable. Most member libraries remain committed to MSCC and are willing to extend some (but not all) of their retention commitments. However, there has been a shift in thinking that space and staffing constraints means that libraries can no longer retain materials at current levels. Instead, there is a demand from most members that commitments not be renewed for certain categories of material that libraries are not willing to retain, predominantly: non-circulating materials, juvenile fiction and non-fiction, outdated materials, and those with little usage.

There is a need for greater flexibility in local collection management decision-making. Members stressed the need for more work on identifying and eliminating out-of-scope material to lessen the burden on libraries. This would allow for greater flexibility in local withdrawal projects that are an urgent priority for those libraries with space issues. By taking steps to address concerns raised in the survey it's hoped that MSCC doesn't lose key members and can ensure its long-term sustainability.

Extending MSCC Commitments

Respondents were asked the likelihood of their libraries extending MSCC commitments after the initial 2028 expiration date:

- **Continue MSCC commitments for all or most titles** - 42% of respondents indicated they would continue retention commitment for all or most MSCC-designated titles.
- **Continue MSCC commitments for some titles** - 29% of respondents would continue retention commitment for some MSCC-designated titles.
- **Not continue retention commitment for any titles** - 8% of respondents would not continue retention commitment for any MSCC-designated titles,
- **Other and Unsure** - 3% of respondents didn't know if they would continue with commitments and 5% responded Other.

See Question 6 in the Survey Results for details.

Among the comments in the section for this question were:

“During a large deaccession project over the last year, we identified many titles with little value that we kept for no reason other than our shared collections agreement, and as the project moves forward, we will likely identify many more titles like that. While we are deeply committed to continuing to participate in MSCC, we would consider removing some of the titles we had been committed to keeping if allowed to. We would like to see

our commitment tailored as closely as possible to our own collections priorities. We would also like to consider removing materials when a trustworthy digital copy is easy to access online.”

“As a public library, in general, we feel that our collection's primary purpose is to serve the non-scholarly information needs and non-scholarly pleasure/leisure reading needs of our community and region. The burden of saving for scholarly purposes feels excessive and we would like to see that burden mitigated as we think about who has what retention commitments past 2028.”

“I trust we would continue with the commitment since that is the whole point of joining in the first place. The space requirements for us are not burdensome at all.”

“We have serious preservation challenges here. Retention commitments are a stick with which to beat the bushes for support.”

“I will be retired by then, I can't speak for a new director.”

When asked to indicate reasons why their library might not extend its MSCC commitments, the two most common reasons were the need for local flexibility over collection management decisions and space concerns. See Question 7 in the Survey Results for details.

Among the comments in section for this question were:

“We retained most everything that was recommended, but might reduce the amount of children's material that we retained due to space constraints.”

“There is some staff push back for titles they do not feel are worth retaining.”

“don't want to retain 0-circ materials that are also not rare in OCLC”

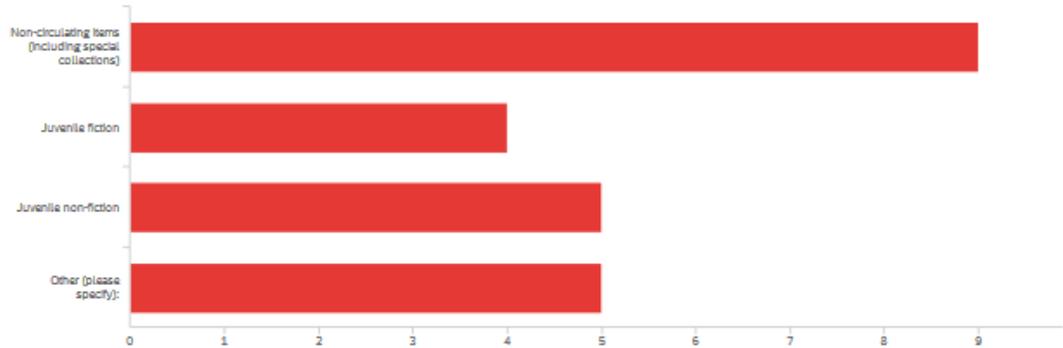
“unsure where the library collection will be located in 2028.”

“Doesn't take into consideration completeness of series titles”

When asked about factors that would increase the likelihood of extending MSCC commitments beyond 2028, half responded the question was not applicable, with the most popular options being if they were only asked to retain Maine specific holdings or those that have circulated at their library. See Question 8 in the Survey Results for details.

Unsurprisingly, based on previous conversations with MSCC members, non-circulating items (including special collections) came out on top as the category of material respondents felt should have MSCC commitments removed on them.

Q9 - While MSCC has taken steps to eliminate specific publishers of textbooks, guides, manuals, paperbacks, and juvenile titles from retention scope, are there specific categories of material that you feel should have MSCC commitments removed on them (select all that apply)?



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Non-circulating items (including special collections)	39.13% 9
2	Juvenile fiction	17.39% 4
3	Juvenile non-fiction	21.74% 5
4	Other (please specify):	21.74% 5

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The “Other” responses were:

“Career/job seeking manuals. We have books that are 20 years old. I need to check the publishers against the exemption list. There are also some reference-like materials, made for adults but they look like juvenile non-fiction. Much of the info in these materials is typically accessed online now, but 20 years ago, some publishers specialized in these materials.

“public libraries should not hold retention commitments on nonfiction that a) outdated [a history of the labor movement published in 1955] or that was popular in nature and its popularity window has closed [a 30-year-old celebrity cookbook by Keith Hernandez or Natalie Merchant] Not outdated in the sense of being a textbook or manual with a superseded edition -- but still worthy of weeding”

“Items with out of date information.”

“Out of date subject matter such as nursing texts. I don't know if this is already considered or not. I also don't know if all publishers of nursing texts or other material that goes out of date have been included in the list provided”

Using MSCC commitments locally

It was reassuring to see that 43% of respondents had used their own retention commitments, or those of other MSCC member libraries, in mind when deaccessioning materials from their collection, followed by transferring materials to another location, with 24% purchasing for the collection, 14% informing stakeholders of collection changes and library policy changes both with 8%, and 4% others. The “Other” responses were:

“Not purchasing for the collection”

“Since joining, we have been freed up from keeping marginal copies”

See Question 10 in the Survey Results for details.

Discovering MSCC commitments

In terms of where respondents check first to identify MSCC commitments made by other libraries, perhaps unsurprisingly most respondents either look in their local ILS or MaineCat first. Far fewer respondents checked resources outside of Maine. However, it's unclear the extent to which the other resources are used at all to check on MSCC commitments. There might be an opportunity for raising awareness around using other resources to check on MSCC commitments, particularly the PAPR database. Part of the low responses to checking OCLC products can be put down to the fact that most MSCC members are not OCLC members, so they cannot access OCLC's backend products and also retention commitments are no longer visible in OCLC WorldCat.Org. See Question 11 in the Survey Results for details.

Findings: Future Library Commitments and Impacts

The survey included several questions relating to the members' appetites for participation in future collection analyses, the approaches they would prefer to take in such analyses, and factors that would prevent their participation.

Participation in Future Collection Analysis

72% of respondents would be likely or somewhat likely to participate in future collection analyses. See Question 12 in the Survey Results for details.

When asked what factors might prevent a library from participating in future collection analyses, the major reasons were the upfront cost and staff time and shortages for the

project. Some respondents also expressed reservations about making additional retention commitments. See Question 13 in the Survey Results for details.

Willingness to Make Commitments on Newer Monographs

When asked specifically if their library was willing to make additional MSCC commitments to monograph titles acquired after 2012 (2012 was the previous cutoff for the most recent collection analysis), half of respondents said yes or a qualified yes. Three (3) respondents said an outright no and the rest were not sure/maybe. See Question 14 in the Survey Results for details.

The Comments received for this question included:

“We believe strongly in the mission of the MSCC, so we can commit to retaining some books outside of the subject areas important to us. We would prefer that our commitments be for materials that are specific to our collection interests. We understand that participating in a collective agreement involves extending our resources beyond our institution's primary interests, but we would like for our commitments to be biased toward our own collections priorities. Plus, again, if digital copies are accessible online, we would feel less urgency to retain paper a copy”

“Probably only for materials that have a higher use rate than past MSCC commitments tagged”

Note that there were slightly more levels of interest in participation in collection analysis than in making future retention commitments. This is likely because the collection analysis work offers additional local benefits over the commitment to retain additional titles.

While the priority for MSCC in the short to medium term remains the review of existing commitments, it's clear from the responses to this question that fewer libraries may choose to participate in future collection analysis projects and be willing to take on additional commitments for newer titles.

Withdrawal Factors

The survey asked respondents to indicate what factors are important to them as they consider withdrawing monographs and serials/journal titles from their local collections. The availability of titles within the state of Maine came out highest, with existing retention commitment from other MSCC member(s) within their local consortium at 79% and commitment from other MSCC member(s) outside their local consortium next with 65%. However, it was surprising to see as much as 41% of respondents indicating that commitments from other libraries in their consortium didn't impact their decision-making around withdrawals. There appears to be some hesitancy to rely on retention commitment from other shared print programs. The diversity of the MSCC membership

was evident in responses to factoring in other shared print programs and digital collections as most MSCC public libraries would not have full access to these collections. See Question 15 in the Survey Results for details.

Preferences for Approaches to Future MSCC Collection Analysis

There wasn't a clear preference for future MSCC collection analyses, with a fairly even distribution between the self-nomination of titles by institutions based on local collection strengths, group collection analysis projects every approximately 10-years, and group collection analysis projects every approximately 5-years. The "Other" responses were:

"At this point, shared print retention programs, in concert with large scale digitization efforts such as HathiTrust, have flagged for retention, digitized, and preserved huge numbers of titles held in US libraries. As older print content goes out of copyright it will be digitized if it's important to the commons. In future we'll probably find that many retained print items are not in fact a priority to either keep or digitize, since not everything ever printed is worth retaining forever. Future efforts may need to focus on collective preservation of born-digital content, which will be a much different problem."

"I think we should keep reviewing our commitments as things may change over time (ie: space concerns, curricular needs)."

See Question 16 in the Survey Results for details.

Monograph collection analysis tools allow a variety of criteria to be used to develop a retention model. We asked respondents to indicate the importance of various criteria. As shown below, the number of copies held within the group and usage history came out top. It was surprising to see commitments from other shared print programs rank as high as it did because to date MSCC has very much focused on access within Maine and libraries had not been willing to rely on commitments outside of the state (supported by the responses to Question 15). Factoring in commitments from other shared print programs is something MSCC can look at when reviewing existing commitments. See Question 17 in the Survey Results for details.

Expanding to Other Formats

The final question relating to future collection analyses and retention commitments asked what formats, other than monographs and serials/journals, MSCC should consider in future analyses. Although none of the options was rated over 50%, Cartographic material (maps, atlases) was highest at 44%.

The "Other" responses received for this question often suggested different types of initiatives and included:

“I would fear that committing to retaining certain materials (sound, video) in all formats would overwhelm individual libraries if they lacked the ability to deaccession them. I would favor adding commitments to other materials (newspapers, sheet music) if format was not part specified, i.e. okay to commit to keeping a newspaper title on paper OR film OR digital.”

“It is often difficult to find long runs of popular magazines, which reflect the zeitgeist of a period, in any library. The same goes for smaller local and regional print newspapers. Many have never been made available in digital format. Any collections of these that do exist should probably be identified and then assessed for possible permanent retention, digitization, and other actions that will preserve access for future historical research.”

“Maine specific newspapers”

See Question 18 in the Survey Results for details.

Findings: Communications

The respondents believe that MSCC provides proactive and useful communication to its members. See Question 19 in the Survey Results for details.

In terms of the different types of communication used by MSCC, both the MSCC website and email updates are seen as valuable by 100% of respondents. The MSCC annual meetings are valued by 89% of respondents. See Question 20 in the Survey Results for details.

Question 21 provided the opportunity for members to suggest how MSCC can improve the usefulness of documents relating to governance, policies and procedures, and best practices, which are available on the MSCC website. Comments included:

“There's a popular misconception that MSCC commitments are unreasonably strict. I think the list of very reasonable reasons that a library can revoke/terminate a retention commitment should be made very visible on the web site, like if there was a top-level menu bar link "Retention Commitment Rules" on the home page, and then that led to a page with a few short paragraphs with bulleted lists of reasons that we can end a retention commitment. I think that would help with explaining this flexibility to people who say "I need to leave the project because I can't retain these things".

“This is an important program”

Question 22 provided the opportunity for members to suggest how MSCC can improve its communications. Suggestions included:

“It would be great if there were PR materials to explain to non-participants and staff members WHY this is super important. During a meeting with an unnamed public library, I was shocked that they dominated the conversation with negative comments. They clearly did not understand why we are doing this and how they could make it work. It is unfortunate that former staff members still do not see the relevancy of this important undertaking.

“No, it isn't an intrusive initiative. It is more a passive benefit. We only think about it when it benefits us: a patron wants something not held locally, our copy is damaged.”

“Communications are only going to our library director, who is not the one responsible for collection development. It might be helpful to ensure that communications are going to multiple staff members at each library.”

“Email works fine for me.”

“I know when I see email from MSCC I should read it--unlike some other organizations that send so much you don't know what is important and what is junk”.

Findings: Satisfaction with MSCC

Overall Satisfaction

Overall satisfaction with MSCC was high, with 78% of respondents satisfied. 18% of respondents remained neutral. Worryingly there was one response for “Very dissatisfied” which will require outreach to discuss their concerns. See Question 23 in the Survey Results for details.

Barriers to Participation

In terms of barriers to participation in MSCC, 30% of the respondents indicated they had no challenges in participating. Of those indicating a barrier, half said lack of space retaining volumes was the biggest barrier. The “Other” comments were consistent with those made in others part of the survey, regarding juvenile material and series retention:

“We are on the hook for retention of a lot of juvenile material. I feel like we need to find some middle ground between retaining all the juvenile material (except for board books and superseded editions and 'bad publishers'). I also think we did not locally do the necessary work to exclude items in poor condition at the time that the initial retention commitments were made.”

“some staff not aware/trained about the program”

“preservation challenges in our environment”

“survey only allowed one selection but I would say both insufficient local resources (staffing), local reluctance to participate, lack of space”

“Requirement to maintain random books in series that do not circulate locally, but are still MSCC”

See Question 24 in the Survey Results for details.

Improving MSCC

Members were also asked to comment on anything they believe MSCC could be doing or doing differently to achieve its mission. Among the responses to this open-ended question were:

*“I think we need a clear vision of what we're trying to retain in the juvenile realm, and we might even need to make that something where we frame positively what we do want to keep rather than framing negatively those few categories of juvenile literature that we *don't* want to retain.”*

“Positive PR on MELIBS?”

“though MSCC membership guidelines state that the library will replace MSCC materials that are lost or never returned, in practical terms this has not been possible, due to both staffing and funding constraints. UMaine has thousands of MSCC retention titles that are no longer held, but most are unimportant to us in terms of using limited funds to buy more copies due solely to the MSCC designation. I wonder if a collective review could or should be performed on non-replaced MSCC items, to determine whether members can sanction non-replacement and removal of the retention commitment, or recommend that the group does desire replacement even if not important at the holding institution. (The other option being, wait until the retention period expires, and remove designations then).”

“Perhaps provide education on preservation techniques, challenges and solutions”

“Check in more often about series titles and try to keep MSCC commitments to the same library as a whole.”

“We should periodically analyze the retained collection and refine our parameters. Like all things, we need to be sustainable and efficient.”

See Question 25 in the Survey Results for details.

MSCC and Local Strategic and Operational Planning

Members were also asked to comment on how shared print generally and MSCC specifically figures in their strategic and operational planning. Among the responses to this open-ended question were:

“We are committed to retaining a significant portion of our collections, so having the space, time, and people to work on them figures into our planning. But specifically? We would need to space, time, and people whether or not we participated in MSCC. It's not like all of our space, time, and personnel issues would be solved if we pulled out of MSCC. So MSCC is somewhat of a burden, but it is a burden that moves in the same direction are moving anyway. MSCC is also liberating, in a way, the same way ILL is liberating. There is comfort and space in knowing that other libraries will not only obtain but retain certain titles and that those titles will be available in the future. It frees us to acquire and deaccession more freely (except, obviously, for the titles we are committed to retaining).”

“We know that we're going to have to continue to maintain an offsite storage facility at significant expense to us, and that we can't weed our way out of that situation, nor can we redevelop that property for other purposes without finding another site to store this material.”

“It is fantastic for weeding. I feel more confident removing titles. Matthew has been great when we need to de-commit to a title.”

“MSCC has allowed some relief in knowing that when we withdraw certain materials, they have not been flagged by our local Maine state collective as critical to keep on behalf of our community. Thus MSCC helps to some extent with planning for space planning. Our collections librarian has noted MSCC commitments at other libraries have allowed the library to withdraw materials in small, targeted parts of the collection when needed. However, our own MSCC commitments to some non- or low-circulation materials we'd rather have the option to withdraw has hampered the same projects.”

“It doesn't really affect us.”

“Helps supplement contracting budget”

“We strive to acquire and retain local publications, our commitments to MSCC sustain this goal. We are challenged to provide a safe environment to preserve our collection, our commitments to MSCC bolster our argument for resources. When one of our items is damaged, we refer to MSCC to decide whether to replace it.”

“Not at all”

“It is not documented as a priority in our collection development policy or in our recent strategic planning results.”

“Space is very limited at this library, so MSCC has to be in strategic and operational planning documents so that its value is understood by all stakeholders.”

“We consider MSCC designations during weeding projects.”

See Question 26 in the Survey Results for details.

Findings: Conclusion

In the final question of the survey, respondents were asked for any additional feedback regarding: MSCC goals, MSCC membership, retention commitments, future library commitments and impacts, future growth of the MSCC collective collection, communications. The following comments were received:

“Our Library is generally very happy to be a part of MSCC and the leadership team wants to see the project succeed. There are some parts of our collection and our retention policies that we should take a harder look at before 2028, though.”

“I am happy to help promote MSCC.”

“Perhaps an occasional reminder message that we should be mindful to fulfill our material retention commitments as part of the MSCC would be useful. It would remind administrators to remind their staffs!”

“I don't know if MSCC should take a lead role statewide in publicizing the challenges of preserving print resources in the age of climate change; but I would like to see more statewide initiatives and support for this increasing challenge.”

“While I believe in the mission and goals of MSCC, as a medium-size public library we place emphasis on usage first and foremost. It's not working to our advantage locally to be committed to keeping titles that are no longer used, and we have little staff time to go through the process of deaccessioning (particularly for juvenile materials). Librarianship requires buy-in and support of bigger picture initiatives and values, but not at the cost of local control and usage. For us, the return on investment isn't delivering.”

“I'm not sure if this is where these comments are appropriate, but I want to be sure to include them. When we entered into MSCC our library had a staff person who was interested able to include this work in their job responsibilities. In the last several years our staffing has changed and we are no longer able to make

this project and the work it requires a priority. Though they were interested and initially committed, they felt they weren't able to give the project the time and commitment expected. These were some of the comments made by the person who oversaw our commitments at the time of their departure: Should we leave MSCC? After looking at 2019 MSCC Group Collection Analysis, Retention Model Summaries, and the Policy on Retention Commitment Changes I feel that we are moving away from the original intent of MSCC. When the library joined titles we would hold in our collection until 2028 were “rare and local interest titles.” Now the titles include popular authors, cookbooks, and nonfiction subjects that will not be relevant by 2028. Plus the list included children’s titles that will likely be weeded before 2028 due to the condition of the book or falls into a category on our weeding policy. Another issue is staff time in checking each title to ensure it is on the shelf and if so what is the condition of the item. (short notice and required a significant amount of time.)”

See Question 27 in the Survey Results for details.

Next Steps

The results of the survey have informed conversations the Maine Shared Collections Librarian and MSCC Collections and Operations Committee and Executive Committee are having regarding categories of material that libraries will not be asked to commit to retain in the future. Outreach has already begun with libraries who indicated they are not willing to renew their MSCC commitments beyond 2028.

Appendices

- Appendix A: MSCC Program Assessment & Planning Survey - The full set of questions in the Survey.
- Appendix B: Survey Results - Results for each of the questions, anonymized.

Appendix A: Program Assessment & Planning Survey

MSCC used the Qualtrics survey software to develop and distribute the assessment survey, which included a total of 27 questions. This Appendix includes the full set of questions. While it is not easily determined from this full PDF of the survey, there was one question that resulted in the survey forking depending on the participants response:

- Question 6 – Asking about the likelihood of extending MSCC commitments beyond 2028.
 - Library would continue retention commitment for all or most MSCC-designated titles – Goes to Q8
 - Library would continue retention commitment for some MSCC-designated titles – Goes to Q7
 - Library would not continue retention commitment for any MSCC-designated titles – Goes to Q7
 - I don't know – Goes to Q7

MSCC Program Assessment & Planning Survey

As a member of MSCC we would greatly appreciate your feedback in this survey. We estimate the survey will take 10 minutes to complete.

The survey will allow us to:

- Assess the impact MSCC has had on your library;
- Plan for the next 5 years as we consider what happens when the initial commitment to retain materials expires in 2028;
- Consider possible changes to our criteria for which materials are retained;
- Assess member appetites for participation in future collection analysis and agreeing to additional retention commitments;
- Make improvements in how we communicate with our members.

Here are a few things to be aware of before responding to the survey:

- Please respond only **once** per institution. We recommend consulting with colleagues at your library to provide a joint response.
- Only the aggregate (anonymized) results of the survey will be shared broadly with the full MSCC membership and library community.
- Individual survey responses will **only** be seen by the Maine Shared Collections Librarian and MSCC Collections and Operation Committee.

End of Block: Introduction

Start of Block: Demographics

Q1 Your name:

Q2 Your email address:

Q3 Your library:

- Bangor Public Library (1)
- Bates College (2)
- Belfast Public Library (3)
- Blue Hill Public Library (4)
- Bowdoin College (5)
- Colby College (6)
- Dorothy W. Quimby Library (Unity College) (7)
- Eastern Maine Community College (8)
- Edythe L. Dyer Community Library (9)
- Freeport Community Library (10)
- Gardner Public Library (11)
- Husson University (12)
- Jesup Memorial Library (13)
- Kennebunk Free Library (14)
- Lithgow Public Library (15)
- Maine Medical Center (16)
- Maine State Library (17)
- McArthur Public Library (18)
- Merrill Memorial Library (19)
- Northeast Harbor Library (20)

- Northern Maine Community College (21)
- Norway Memorial Library (22)
- Old Town Public Library (23)
- Patten Free Library (24)
- Portland Public Library (25)
- Rice Public Library (26)
- Saint Joseph's College (27)
- Scarborough Public Library (28)
- Southwest Harbor Public Library (29)
- Southern Maine Community College (30)
- Topsham Public Library (31)
- University of Maine Orono (32)
- University of Maine at Augusta (33)
- University of Maine Farmington (34)
- University of Maine Fort Kent (35)
- University of Maine at Machias (36)
- University of Maine at Presque Isle (37)
- University of Southern Maine (38)
- Washington County Community College (39)
- Wells Public Library (40)
- Windham Public Library (41)

End of Block: Demographics

Start of Block: MSCC Goals

Q5 The primary goal of MSCC is to commit to retaining print material in order to make such material accessible to library users across Maine and beyond, allowing other libraries to consider withdrawing their own local copies safe in the knowledge that the content is being protected for future use. By providing this safety net of retained materials, MSCC gives members the opportunity to reduce their overall collection management costs and reclaim space. Our involvement in the [Partnership for Shared Book Collections](#) further accelerates the growth of this safety net nationally.

Q4 As you think about the MSCC mission, what is the importance of each of the following MSCC objectives to your library?

	Extremel y Importan t (1)	Very Importa nt (2)	Importa nt (3)	Somewh at Important (4)	Not Importa nt (5)	Not Applicabl e (6)	I Don' t Know (7)
Preserving print materials (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring access for my local users to distributed retained titles (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilitating space reclamation by allowing my library to deaccession monographs because they are retained elsewhere (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilitating space reclamation by allowing my library to deaccession serials and journals because they are retained elsewhere (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participating in shared print at the national/continental level thereby expanding the safety net and access (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Providing my library with **opportunities to collaborate** on projects related to the shared print collection (6)

Other: (please specify) (7)



Q5 Please comment on these same MSCC goals from the perspective of how well you think MSCC is doing in achieving each of them.

	Extremely Well (1)	Very Well (2)	Well (3)	Somewhat Well (4)	Not Well (5)	Not Applicable (6)	I Don't Know (7)
Preserving print materials (1)	<input type="radio"/>						
Ensuring access for my local users to distributed retained titles (2)	<input type="radio"/>						
Facilitating space reclamation by allowing my library to deaccession monographs because they are retained elsewhere (3)	<input type="radio"/>						
Facilitating space reclamation by allowing my library to deaccession serials and journals because they are retained elsewhere (4)	<input type="radio"/>						
Participating in shared print at the national/continental level thereby expanding the safety net and access (5)	<input type="radio"/>						
Providing my library with opportunities to collaborate on projects related to the shared print collection (6)	<input type="radio"/>						
Other: (please specify) (7)	<input type="radio"/>						

End of Block: MSCC Goals

Start of Block: Retention Commitments

Q12 As a member of MSCC, your library has committed to retain monographs and/or serials and journals based on a specific retention criteria for the full retention period. Final retention commitments are subsequently registered in the local ILS as well as in WorldCat/PAPR (for OCLC members). And, staff at the library are asked to report any existing retention commitment(s) that must be reallocated or revoked.

Q6 What is the most likely scenario for your library after 2028, when the existing MSCC retention agreements end?

- Library would continue retention commitment for all or most MSCC-designated titles (1)
 - Library would continue retention commitment for some MSCC-designated titles (2)
 - Library would not continue retention commitment for any MSCC-designated titles (3)
 - I don't know (4)
 - Other (write-in) (5) _____
 - Comment (6) _____
-

Display This Question:

*If What is the most likely scenario for your library after 2028, when the existing MSCC retention ag...
= Library would continue retention commitment for some MSCC-designated titles*

*Or What is the most likely scenario for your library after 2028, when the existing MSCC retention ag...
= Library would not continue retention commitment for any MSCC-designated titles*

*Or What is the most likely scenario for your library after 2028, when the existing MSCC retention ag...
= I don't know*

*Or What is the most likely scenario for your library after 2028, when the existing MSCC retention ag...
= Other (write-in)*

Q7 Why might you not extend your MSCC commitments? (select all that apply):

- Lack of staffing to take part in MSCC activities and services (1)
 - Need more local flexibility over collection management decisions (2)
 - No further local benefits are envisioned (3)
 - Other programs meet local needs (4)
 - Space concerns (5)
 - Cost (6)
 - Other (write-in) (7)
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Display This Question:

*If What is the most likely scenario for your library after 2028, when the existing MSCC retention ag...
= Library would continue retention commitment for all or most MSCC-designated titles*

Q8 Would any of the following increase the likelihood of extending your MSCC commitments beyond 2028? (select all that apply)

- Reducing the number of copies you are asked to retain (1)
 - Only being asked to retain Maine specific holdings (2)
 - Only being asked to retain titles that have circulated at my library (3)
 - Not applicable (4)
 - Other (write-in) (5)
-

Q9 While MSCC has taken steps to eliminate [specific publishers](#) of textbooks, guides, manuals, paperbacks, and juvenile titles from retention scope, are there specific categories of material that you feel should have MSCC commitments removed on them (select all that apply)?

- Non-circulating items (including special collections) (1)
 - Juvenile fiction (2)
 - Juvenile non-fiction (3)
 - Other (please specify): (4)
-

Q10 For which of the following activities has your library used either your own retention commitments or those of other MSCC member libraries? (select all that apply)

- Deaccessioning materials from our collection (1)
 - Purchasing for the collection (2)
 - Transferring our materials to another location (3)
 - Informing stakeholders of collection changes (4)
 - Library policy changes (5)
 - Not applicable (6)
 - Other (write-in): (7)
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Q11 What resource does your library check first to identify MSCC retention commitments made by other libraries?

- Local ILS (1)
 - MaineCat (2)
 - OCLC Subscription Products in WorldCat, i.e. Record Manager, Connexion, etc. (3)
 - OCLC FirstSearch / WorldCat Discovery (4)
 - PAPR (5)
 - MSCC retentions database (6)
 - Not applicable (7)
 - Other (please specify): (8)
-

End of Block: Retention Commitments

Start of Block: D. Future Library Commitments and Impacts

Q12 How likely is your library to participate in future MSCC collection analyses to identify potential future commitments?

- Very likely (1)
 - Somewhat likely (2)
 - Somewhat unlikely (3)
 - Unlikely (4)
 - Don't know (5)
-

Q13 What factor(s) would prevent your library from participating in future MSCC collection analyses? (choose all that apply)

- Upfront costs of the collection analysis tool (1)
 - Community/administration buy-in (2)
 - Data issues in our local catalog (3)
 - Staff time required for the process (4)
 - Inability to take on additional retention commitments (5)
 - Staff shortages (8)
 - Other (please specify) (9)
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Q14 Is your library willing to make additional MSCC commitments to monograph titles acquired after 2012 (note that 2012 was the cutoff publication year from the most recent group analyses):

- Yes, for titles identified based on a future collection analysis (1)
 - Yes, but only in specific subject areas important to my library (2)
 - Not sure/maybe (3)
 - No (4)
 - Comments: (5) _____
-

Q15 As you consider withdrawing monograph or serials titles from your local collection, how important are the following factors:

	Extremely important (1)	Very important (2)	Important (3)	Somewhat important (4)	Not at all important (5)	I don't know (6)
Title has an existing retention commitment from other MSCC member(s) within your local consortium (e.g. URSUS or Minerva) (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Title has an existing retention commitment from other MSCC member(s) outside your local consortium (e.g. URSUS or Minerva) (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Title has an existing retention commitment from another shared print program (e.g. EAST) (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Title is available digitally from a trusted source (e.g. HathiTrust) (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other
(please
specify): (5)

End of Block: D. Future Library Commitments and Impacts

Start of Block: E. Future growth of the MSCC collective collection

Q16 What approach(es) to future MSCC collection analysis would you prefer (choose all that apply):

- Group collection analysis projects every approximately 5-years (1)
 - Group collection analysis projects every approximately 10-years (2)
 - Self-nomination of titles by institutions based on local collection strengths (3)
 - Other (please specify): (4)
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Q17 When determining a future monograph retention model for MSCC, please indicate the importance of the following criteria:

	Extremely important (1)	Very important (2)	Important (3)	Somewhat important (4)	Not important (5)	I Don't know (6)
Number of copies within the MSCC group (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aggregate usage history across MSCC (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retained by other shared print programs (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Holdings overlap with groups of peer institutions outside of MSCC (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
OCLC holdings levels (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Subject/Call number (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Age of material (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Presence in trusted online resource (e.g. HathiTrust) (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Presence in the Internet Archive (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other
(please
specify):
(10)

Q18 What additional formats/materials do you think MSCC should consider as part of future retention efforts? Please select all that apply.

- Popular journal titles (1)
 - Government documents (state, federal and/or local) (2)
 - Newspapers (3)
 - Sound recordings (all physical formats) (4)
 - Video recordings (all physical formats) (5)
 - Cartographic material (maps, atlases) (6)
 - Scores / sheet music (7)
 - Printed copies of materials published only in digital form (e.g. Open Access E-books) (8)
 - No additional formats (9)
 - Other (please specify) (10)
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End of Block: E. Future growth of the MSCC collective collection

Start of Block: F. Communications

Q19 Does MSCC provide proactive, useful communications to the members?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Not Sure (3)
- Comments: (4) _____

Q20 Please indicate the value of the following types of communication currently provided by MSCC:

	Extremely valuable (1)	Very valuable (2)	Valuable (3)	Somewhat Valuable (4)	Not Valuable (5)	Not applicable (6)	I Don't Know (7)
Annual Member Meeting (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Website (looking for updates) (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Email updates (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Committee meetings (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify): (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q21 MSCC makes available a variety of documents relating to governance, policies and procedures and best practices, which are available on the MSCC website at <http://www.maineinonet.org/mscs/progress/>. Do you have comments or feedback on how

MSCC can improve the usefulness of these documents for our members?

Q22 Do you have other suggestions for ways MSCC can improve its communication with members?

End of Block: F. Communications

Start of Block: G. Membership

Q23 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with MSCC?

- Very satisfied (1)
- Slightly satisfied (2)
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (3)
- Slightly dissatisfied (4)
- Very dissatisfied (5)
- Comments: (6) _____

Q24 What barriers has your library encountered regarding participation or potential participation in MSCC? Please select all that apply.

- Insufficient local resources (1)
 - Submitting data for analysis or disclosure (2)
 - Local reluctance to participate (3)
 - Lack of space for retaining committed volumes (4)
 - We have no challenges in participating (5)
 - Other (write-in): (6)
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Q25 Please indicate anything you believe MSCC could be doing or doing differently to achieve its mission:

Q26 How does shared print generally and MSCC specifically figure in your strategic and operational planning?

End of Block: G. Membership

Start of Block: H. Conclusion

Q27

Is there any additional feedback that you would like to share regarding: MSCC goals, MSCC membership, retention commitments, future library commitments and impacts, future growth of the MSCC collective collection, and communications?

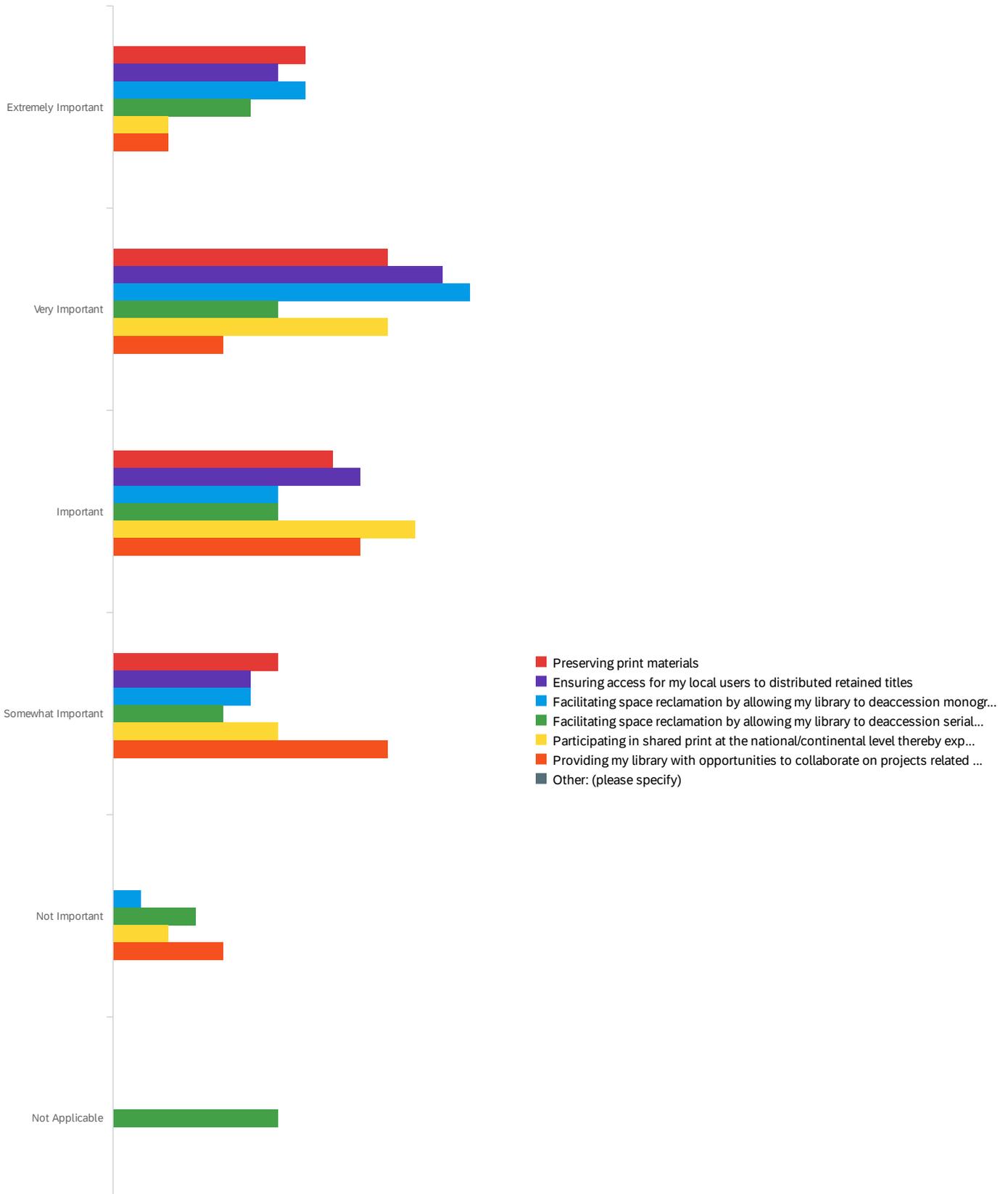
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End of Block: H. Conclusion

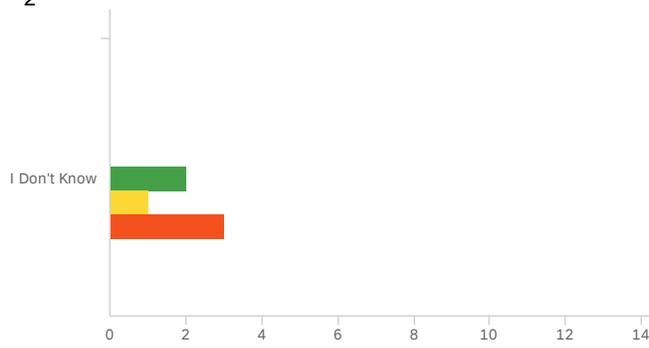
Appendix B: Survey Results

Q4 - As you think about the MSCC mission, what is the importance of each of the

following MSCC objectives to your library?



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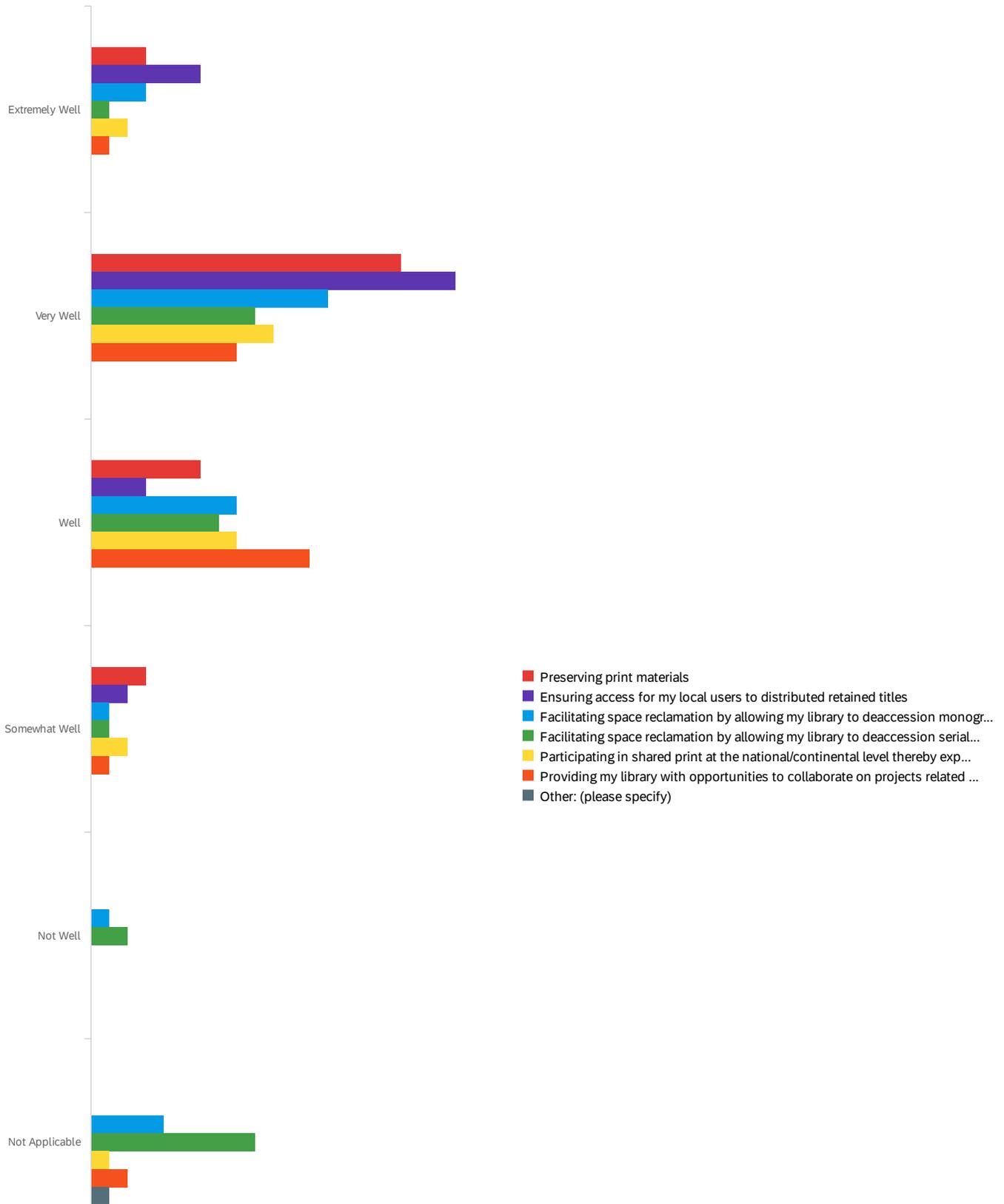
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1	Preserving print materials	1.00	4.00	2.42	1.04	1.08	31
2	Ensuring access for my local users to distributed retained titles	1.00	4.00	2.41	0.96	0.93	32
3	Facilitating space reclamation by allowing my library to deaccession monographs because they are retained elsewhere	1.00	5.00	2.38	1.08	1.17	32
4	Facilitating space reclamation by allowing my library to deaccession serials and journals because they are retained elsewhere	1.00	7.00	3.63	1.90	3.61	32
5	Participating in shared print at the national/continental level thereby expanding the safety net and access	1.00	7.00	3.00	1.22	1.50	32
6	Providing my library with opportunities to collaborate on projects related to the shared print collection	1.00	7.00	3.69	1.49	2.21	32
7	Other: (please specify)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0

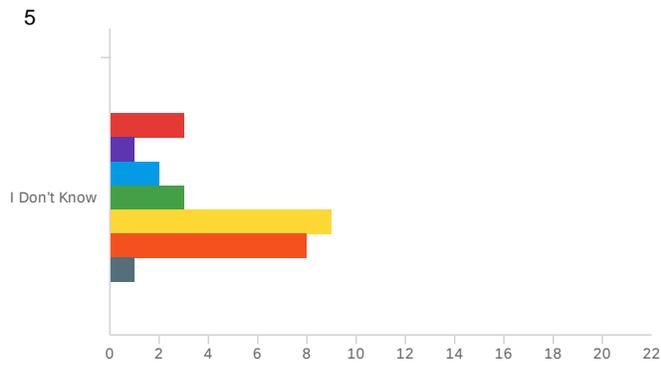
#	Field	Extremely Important	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Applicable	I Don't Know
1	Preserving print materials	22.58% 7	32.26% 10	25.81% 8	19.35% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
2	Ensuring access for my local users to distributed retained titles	18.75% 6	37.50% 12	28.13% 9	15.63% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
3	Facilitating space reclamation by allowing my library to deaccession monographs because they are retained elsewhere	21.88% 7	40.63% 13	18.75% 6	15.63% 5	3.13% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0

#	Field	Extremely Important	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Applicable	I Don't Know
4	Facilitating space reclamation by allowing my library to deaccession serials and journals because they are retained elsewhere	15.63% 5	18.75% 6	18.75% 6	12.50% 4	9.38% 3	18.75% 6	6.25% 2
5	Participating in shared print at the national/continental level thereby expanding the safety net and access	6.25% 2	31.25% 10	34.38% 11	18.75% 6	6.25% 2	0.00% 0	3.13% 1
6	Providing my library with opportunities to collaborate on projects related to the shared print collection	6.25% 2	12.50% 4	28.13% 9	31.25% 10	12.50% 4	0.00% 0	9.38% 3
7	Other: (please specify)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0

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Q5 - Please comment on these same MSCC goals from the perspective of how well you think MSCC is doing in achieving each of them.





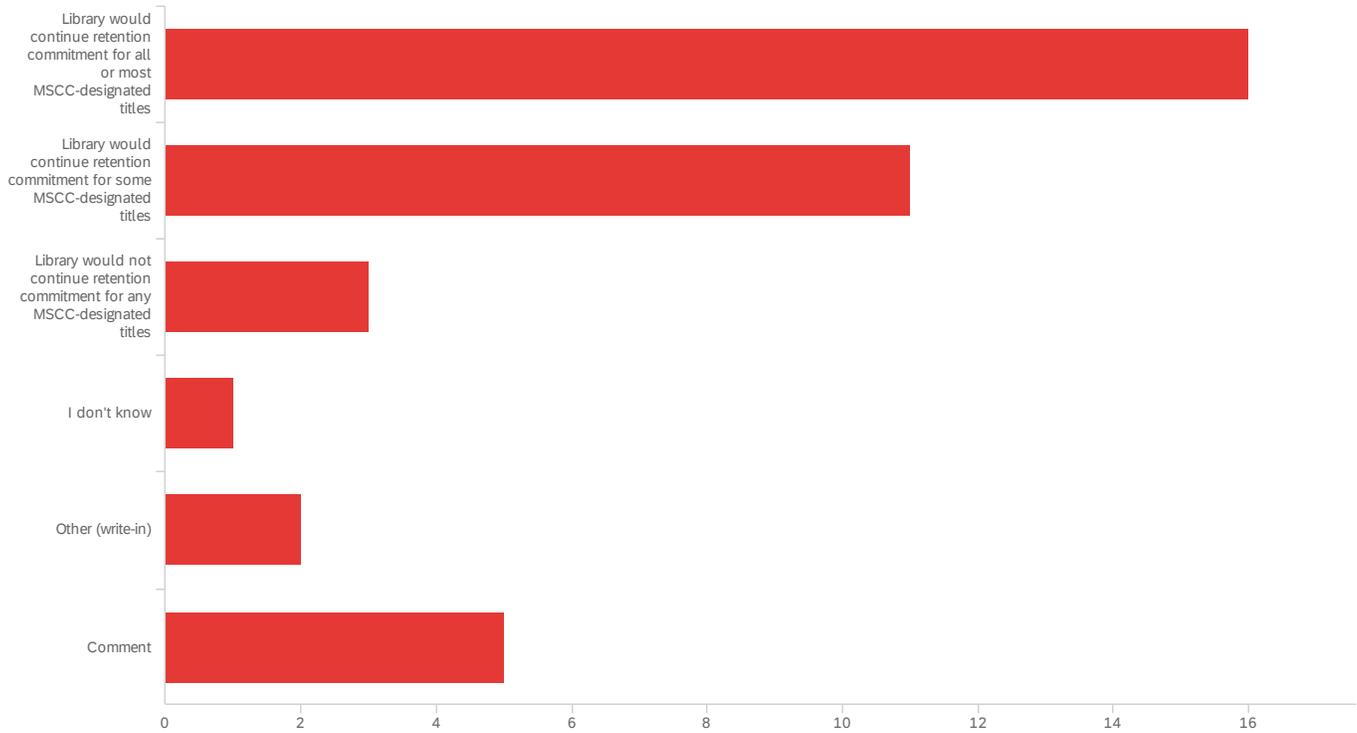
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Preserving print materials	1.00	7.00	2.75	1.56	2.44	32
2	Ensuring access for my local users to distributed retained titles	1.00	7.00	2.19	1.13	1.28	32
3	Facilitating space reclamation by allowing my library to deaccession monographs because they are retained elsewhere	1.00	7.00	3.13	1.75	3.05	32
4	Facilitating space reclamation by allowing my library to deaccession serials and journals because they are retained elsewhere	1.00	7.00	4.03	1.91	3.66	32
5	Participating in shared print at the national/continental level thereby expanding the safety net and access	1.00	7.00	3.84	2.17	4.69	32
6	Providing my library with opportunities to collaborate on projects related to the shared print collection	1.00	7.00	3.91	2.04	4.15	32
7	Other: (please specify)	6.00	7.00	6.50	0.50	0.25	2

#	Field	Extremely Well	Very Well	Well	Somewhat Well	Not Well	Not Applicable	I Don't Know
1	Preserving print materials	9.38% 3	53.13% 17	18.75% 6	9.38% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	9.38% 3
2	Ensuring access for my local users to distributed retained titles	18.75% 6	62.50% 20	9.38% 3	6.25% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.13% 1
3	Facilitating space reclamation by allowing my library to deaccession monographs because they are retained elsewhere	9.38% 3	40.63% 13	25.00% 8	3.13% 1	3.13% 1	12.50% 4	6.25% 2

#	Field	Extremely Well	Very Well	Well	Somewhat Well	Not Well	Not Applicable	I Don't Know
4	Facilitating space reclamation by allowing my library to deaccession serials and journals because they are retained elsewhere	3.13% 1	28.13% 9	21.88% 7	3.13% 1	6.25% 2	28.13% 9	9.38% 3
5	Participating in shared print at the national/continental level thereby expanding the safety net and access	6.25% 2	31.25% 10	25.00% 8	6.25% 2	0.00% 0	3.13% 1	28.13% 9
6	Providing my library with opportunities to collaborate on projects related to the shared print collection	3.13% 1	25.00% 8	37.50% 12	3.13% 1	0.00% 0	6.25% 2	25.00% 8
7	Other: (please specify)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	50.00% 1	50.00% 1

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Q6 - What is the most likely scenario for your library after 2028, when the existing MSCC retention agreements end?



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Library would continue retention commitment for all or most MSCC-designated titles	42.11% 16
2	Library would continue retention commitment for some MSCC-designated titles	28.95% 11
3	Library would not continue retention commitment for any MSCC-designated titles	7.89% 3
4	I don't know	2.63% 1
5	Other (write-in)	5.26% 2
6	Comment	13.16% 5

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Q6_5_TEXT - Other (write-in)

Other (write-in)

I don't know if the Unity campus will still be around in 2028 and if not, where the collection will be housed.

Other (write-in)

most titles, but we need to reconsider some whole categories such as children's material

Q6_6_TEXT - Comment

Comment

During a large deaccession project over the last year, we identified many titles with little value that we kept for no reason other than our shared collections agreement, and as the project moves forward, we will likely identify many more titles like that. While we are deeply committed to continuing to participate in MSCC, we would consider removing some of the titles we had been committed to keeping if allowed to. We would like to see our commitment tailored as closely as possible to our own collections priorities. We would also like to consider removing materials when a trustworthy digital copy is easy to access online.

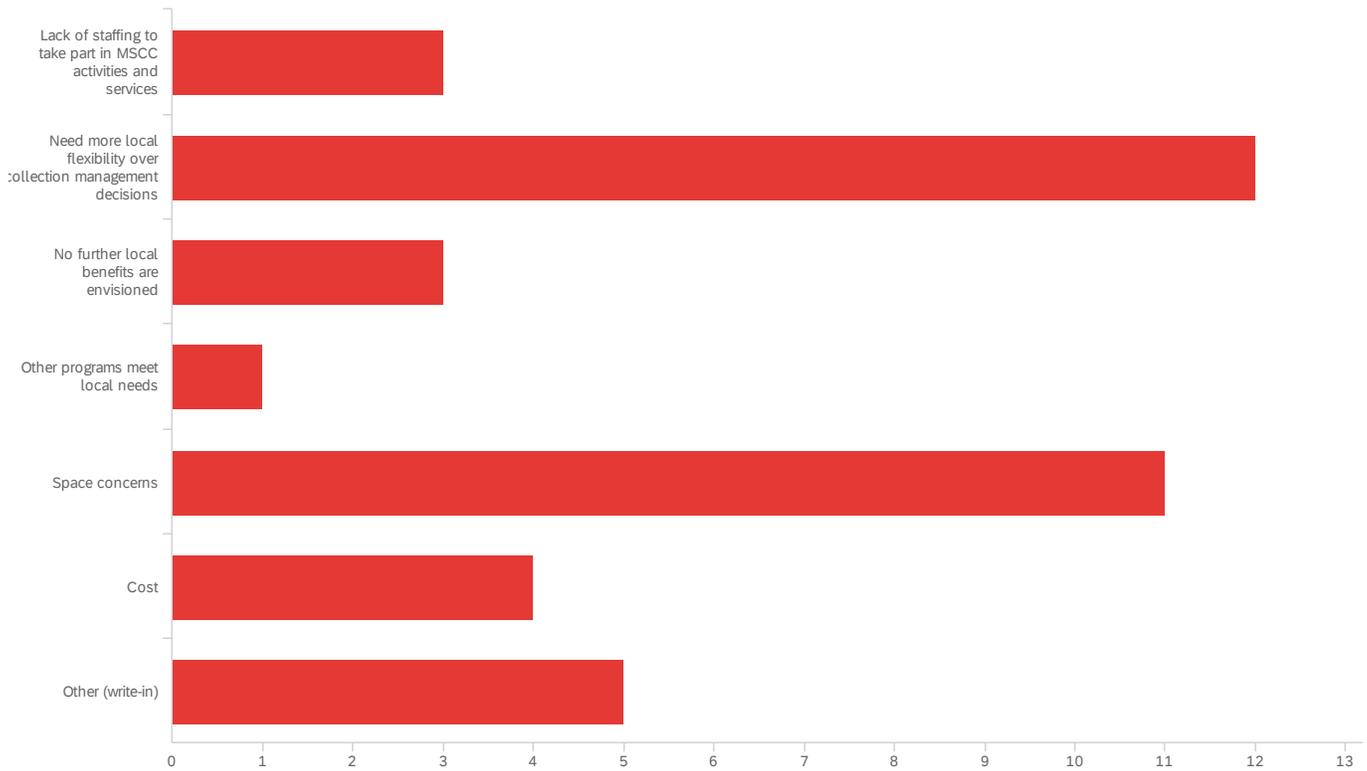
As a public library, in general, we feel that our collection's primary purpose is to serve the non-scholarly information needs and non-scholarly pleasure/leisure reading needs of our community and region. The burden of saving for scholarly purposes feels excessive and we would like to see that burden mitigated as we think about who has what retention commitments past 2028.

I trust we would continue with the commitment since that is the whole point of joining in the first place. The space requirements for us are not burdensome at all.

We have serious preservation challenges here. Retention commitments are a stick with which to beat the bushes for support.

I will be retired by then, I can't speak for a new director

Q7 - Why might you not extend your MSCC commitments? (select all that apply):



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Lack of staffing to take part in MSCC activities and services	7.69% 3
2	Need more local flexibility over collection management decisions	30.77% 12
3	No further local benefits are envisioned	7.69% 3
4	Other programs meet local needs	2.56% 1
5	Space concerns	28.21% 11
6	Cost	10.26% 4
7	Other (write-in)	12.82% 5
		39

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Q7_7_TEXT - Other (write-in)

Other (write-in)

We retained most everything that was recommended, but might reduce the amount of children's material that we retained due to space constraints.

Other (write-in)

There is some staff push back for titles they do not feel are worth retaining.

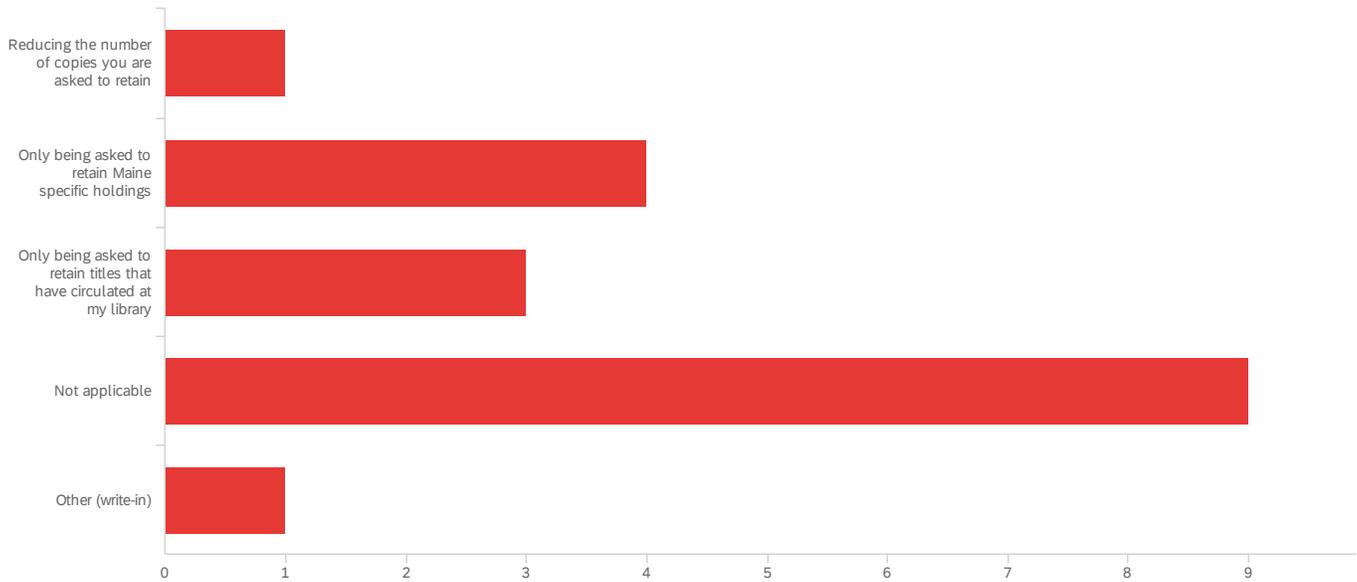
don't want to retain 0-circcc materials that are also not rare in OCLC

unsure where the library collection will be located in 2028.

Doesn't take into consideration completeness of series titles

Q8 - Would any of the following increase the likelihood of extending your MSCC

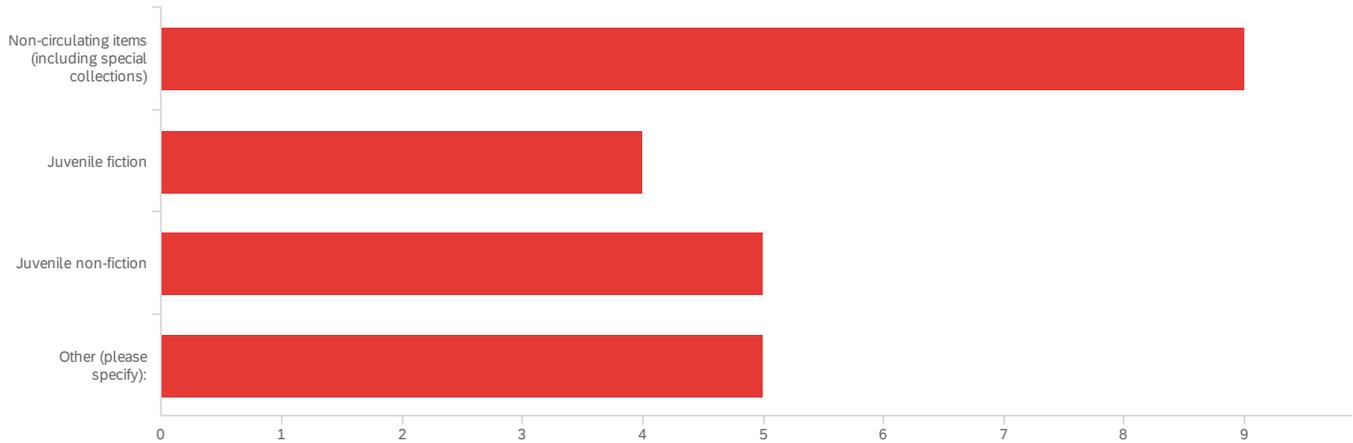
commitments beyond 2028? (select all that apply)



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Reducing the number of copies you are asked to retain	5.56% 1
2	Only being asked to retain Maine specific holdings	22.22% 4
3	Only being asked to retain titles that have circulated at my library	16.67% 3
4	Not applicable	50.00% 9
5	Other (write-in)	5.56% 1
		18

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Q9 - While MSCC has taken steps to eliminate specific publishers of textbooks, guides, manuals, paperbacks, and juvenile titles from retention scope, are there specific categories of material that you feel should have MSCC commitments removed on them (select all that apply)?



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Non-circulating items (including special collections)	39.13% 9
2	Juvenile fiction	17.39% 4
3	Juvenile non-fiction	21.74% 5
4	Other (please specify):	21.74% 5

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Q9_4_TEXT - Other (please specify):

Other (please specify):

Career/job seeking manuals. We have books that are 20 years old. I need to check the publishers against the exemption list. There are also some reference-like materials, made for adults but they look like juvenile non-fiction. Much of the info in these materials is typically accessed online now, but 20 years ago, some publishers specialized in these materials.

public libraries should not hold retention commitments on nonfiction that a) outdated [a history of the labor movement published in 1955] or that was popular in nature and its popularity window has closed [a 30-year-old celebrity cookbook by Keith Hernandez or Natalie Merchant] Not outdated in the sense of being a textbook or manual with a superceded edition -- but still worthy of weeding.

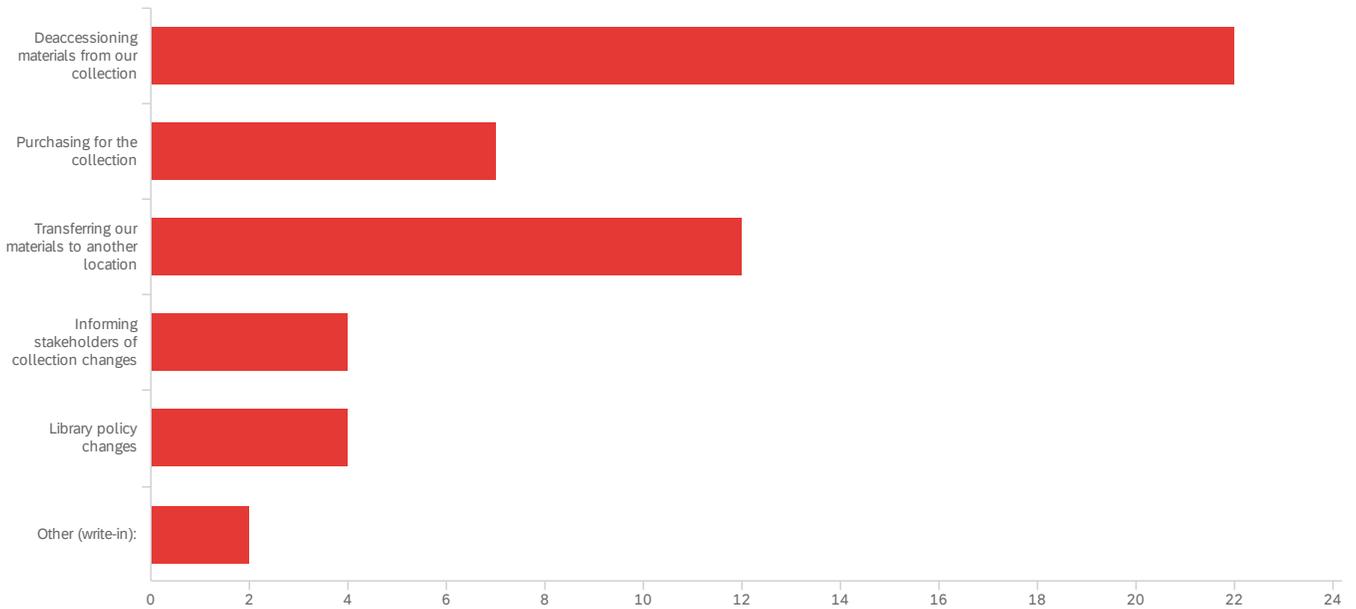
Other (please specify):

Items with out of date information.

Out of date subject matter such as nursing texts. I don't know if this is already considered or not. I also don't know if all publishers of nursing texts or other material that goes out of date have been included in the list provided.

Q10 - For which of the following activities has your library used either your own retention

commitments or those of other MSCC member libraries? (select all that apply)



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Deaccessioning materials from our collection	43.14% 22
2	Purchasing for the collection	13.73% 7
3	Transferring our materials to another location	23.53% 12
4	Informing stakeholders of collection changes	7.84% 4
5	Library policy changes	7.84% 4
7	Other (write-in):	3.92% 2

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Q10_7_TEXT - Other (write-in):

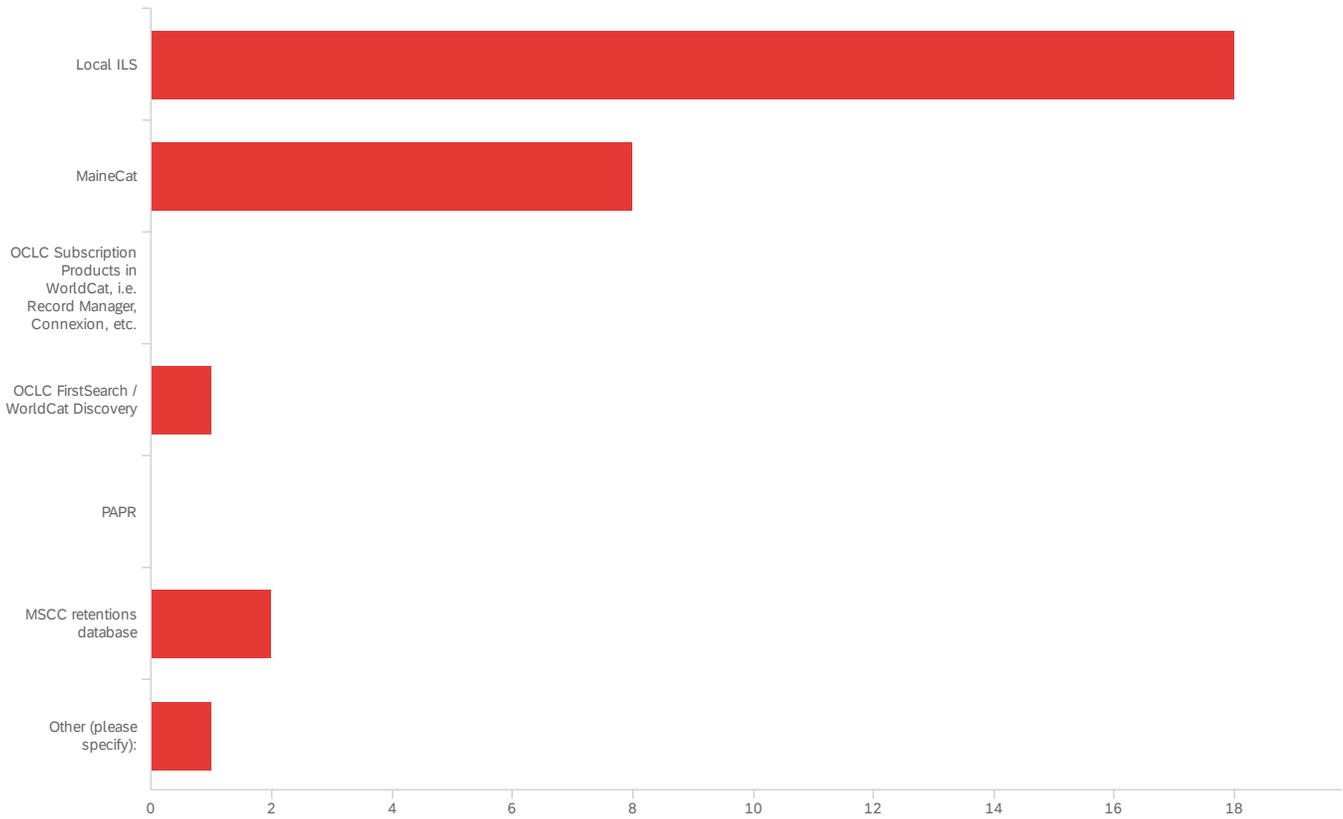
Other (write-in):

Not purchasing for the collection

Since joining, we have been freed up from keeping marginal copies

Q11 - What resource does your library check first to identify MSCC retention

commitments made by other libraries?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	What resource does your library check first to identify MSCC retention commitments made by other libraries? - Selected Choice	1.00	8.00	1.93	1.73	3.00	30

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Local ILS	60.00% 18
2	MaineCat	26.67% 8
3	OCLC Subscription Products in WorldCat, i.e. Record Manager, Connexion, etc.	0.00% 0
4	OCLC FirstSearch / WorldCat Discovery	3.33% 1
5	PAPR	0.00% 0
6	MSCC retentions database	6.67% 2

#	Field	Choice Count
8	Other (please specify):	3.33% 1
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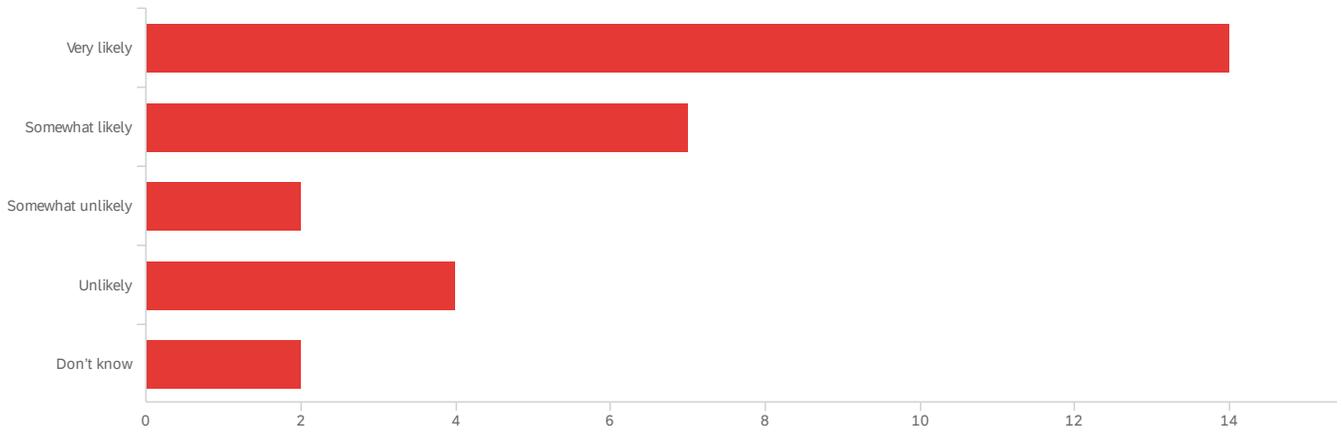
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Q11_8_TEXT - Other (please specify):

Other (please specify):

we don't check to see if others have retention commitments, we just check to see if *we* have a commitment, and we use our local ILS for that

Q12 - How likely is your library to participate in future MSCC collection analyses to identify potential future commitments?



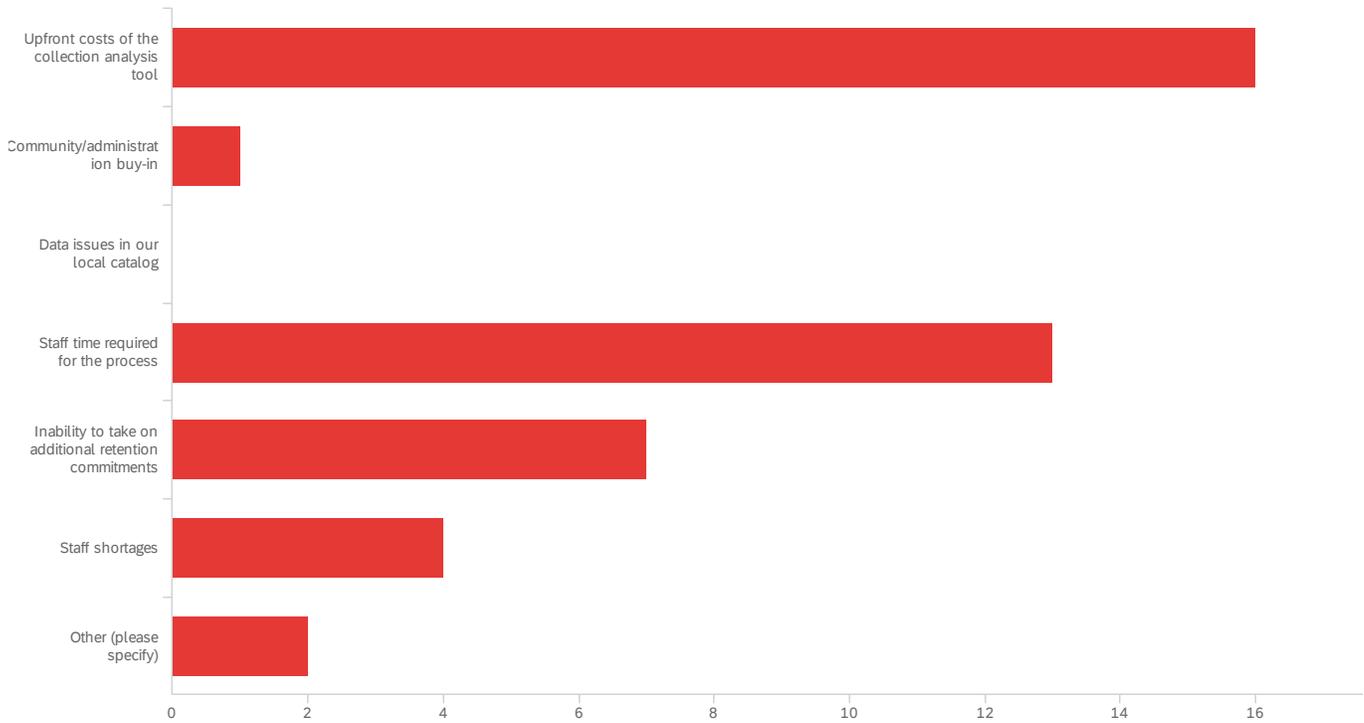
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	How likely is your library to participate in future MSCC collection analyses to identify potential future commitments?	1.00	5.00	2.07	1.31	1.72	29

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Very likely	48.28% 14
2	Somewhat likely	24.14% 7
3	Somewhat unlikely	6.90% 2
4	Unlikely	13.79% 4
5	Don't know	6.90% 2
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Q13 - What factor(s) would prevent your library from participating in future MSCC

collection analyses? (choose all that apply)



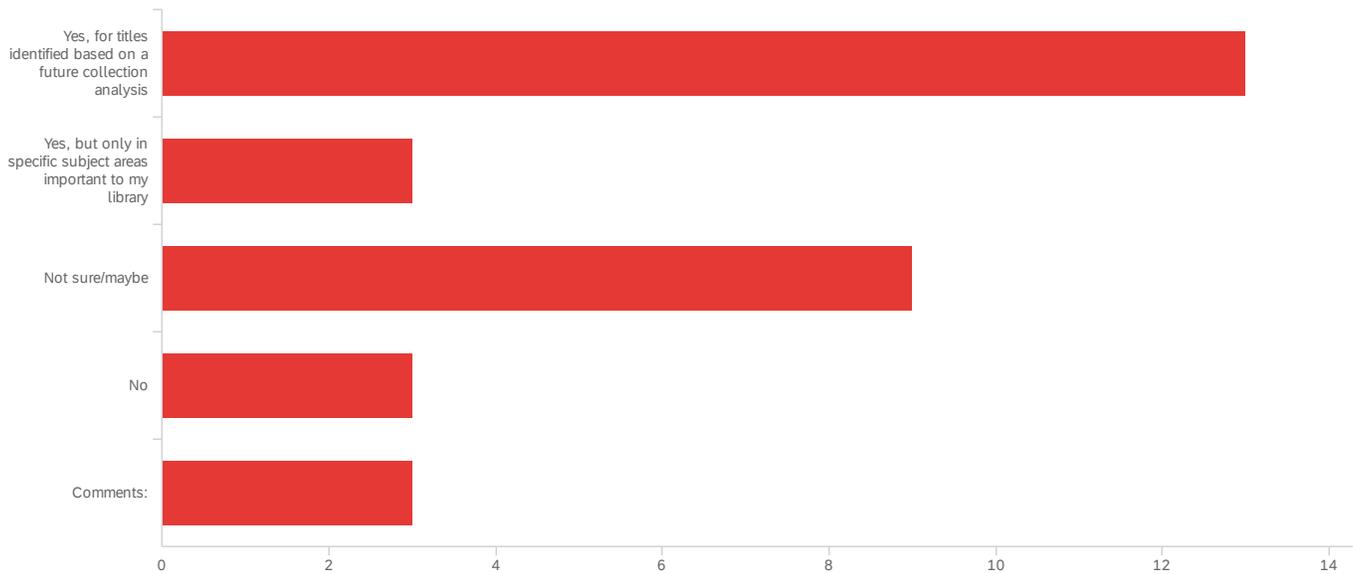
#	Field	Choice Count
1	Upfront costs of the collection analysis tool	37.21% 16
2	Community/administration buy-in	2.33% 1
3	Data issues in our local catalog	0.00% 0
4	Staff time required for the process	30.23% 13
5	Inability to take on additional retention commitments	16.28% 7
8	Staff shortages	9.30% 4
9	Other (please specify)	4.65% 2
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Q13_6_TEXT - Other (please specify):

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Q14 - Is your library willing to make additional MSCC commitments to monograph titles acquired after 2012 (note that 2012 was the cutoff publication year from the most recent group analyses):



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Yes, for titles identified based on a future collection analysis	41.94% 13
2	Yes, but only in specific subject areas important to my library	9.68% 3
3	Not sure/maybe	29.03% 9
4	No	9.68% 3
5	Comments:	9.68% 3
		31

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Q14_5_TEXT - Comments:

Comments:

We believe strongly in the mission of the MSCC, so we can commit to retaining some books outside of the subject areas important to us. We would prefer that our commitments be for materials that are specific to our collection interests. We understand that participating in a collective agreement involves extending our resources beyond our institution's primary interests, but we would like for our commitments to be biased toward our own collections priorities. Plus, again, if digital copies are accessible online, we would feel less urgency to retain paper a copy.

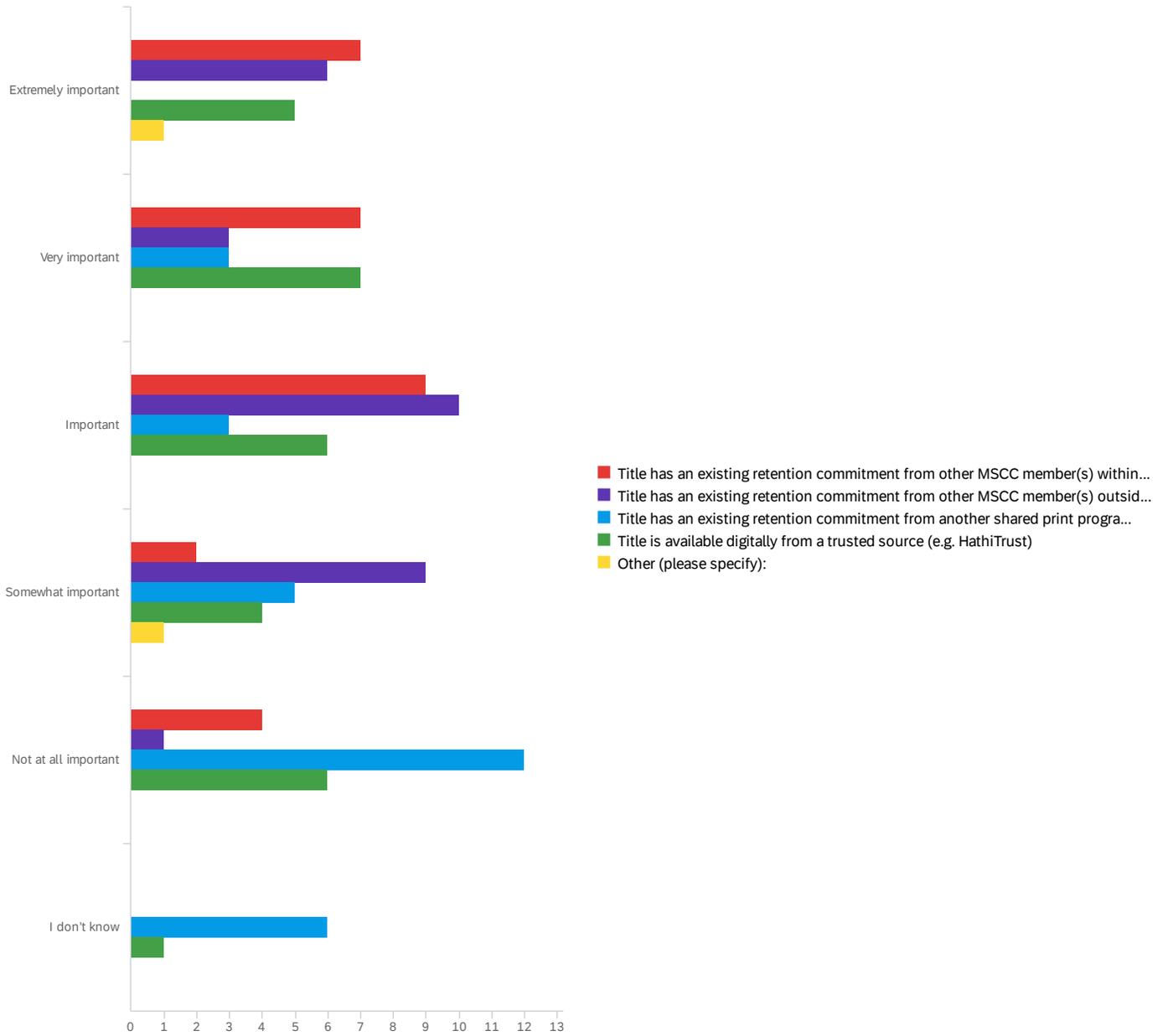
Comments:

Probably only for materials that have a higher use rate than past MSCC commitments tagged.

I would like to, but see my comments above

Q15 - As you consider withdrawing monograph or serials titles from your local collection,

how important are the following factors:



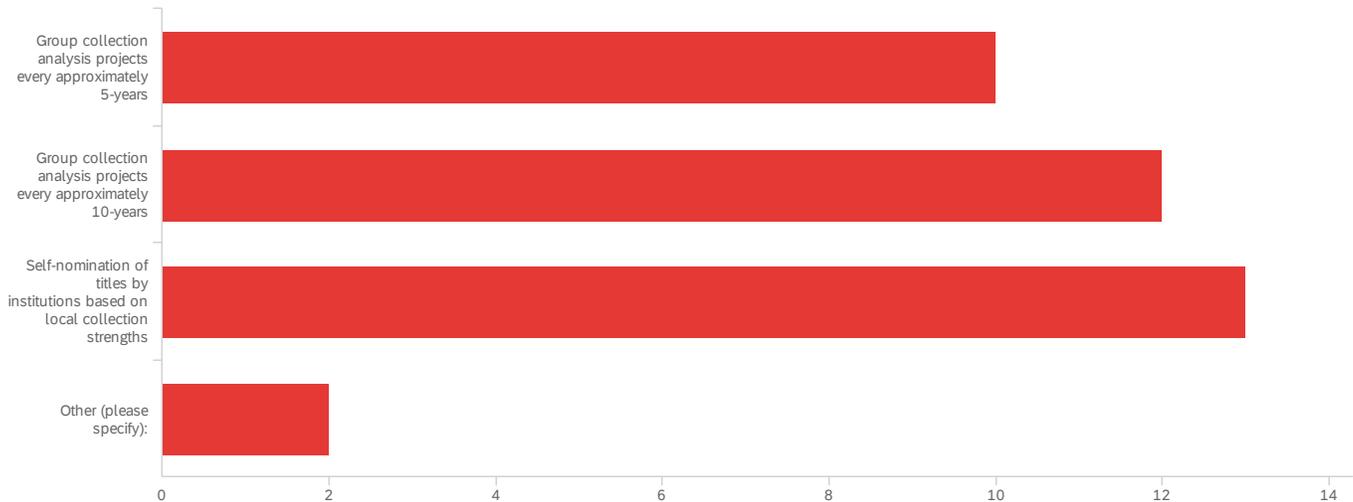
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Title has an existing retention commitment from other MSCC member(s) within your local consortium (e.g. URSUS or Minerva)	1.00	5.00	2.62	1.30	1.68	29
2	Title has an existing retention commitment from other MSCC member(s) outside your local consortium (e.g. URSUS or Minerva)	1.00	5.00	2.86	1.17	1.36	29

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
3	Title has an existing retention commitment from another shared print program (e.g. EAST)	2.00	6.00	4.52	1.22	1.49	29
4	Title is available digitally from a trusted source (e.g. HathiTrust)	1.00	6.00	3.07	1.48	2.20	29
5	Other (please specify):	1.00	4.00	2.50	1.50	2.25	2

#	Field	Extremely important	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not at all important	I don't know	Total
1	Title has an existing retention commitment from other MSCC member(s) within your local consortium (e.g. URSUS or Minerva)	24.14% 7	24.14% 7	31.03% 9	6.90% 2	13.79% 4	0.00% 0	29
2	Title has an existing retention commitment from other MSCC member(s) outside your local consortium (e.g. URSUS or Minerva)	20.69% 6	10.34% 3	34.48% 10	31.03% 9	3.45% 1	0.00% 0	29
3	Title has an existing retention commitment from another shared print program (e.g. EAST)	0.00% 0	10.34% 3	10.34% 3	17.24% 5	41.38% 12	20.69% 6	29
4	Title is available digitally from a trusted source (e.g. HathiTrust)	17.24% 5	24.14% 7	20.69% 6	13.79% 4	20.69% 6	3.45% 1	29
5	Other (please specify):	50.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	50.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2

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Q16 - What approach(es) to future MSCC collection analysis would you prefer (choose all that apply):



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Group collection analysis projects every approximately 5-years	27.03% 10
2	Group collection analysis projects every approximately 10-years	32.43% 12
3	Self-nomination of titles by institutions based on local collection strengths	35.14% 13
4	Other (please specify):	5.41% 2
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Q16_4_TEXT - Other (please specify):

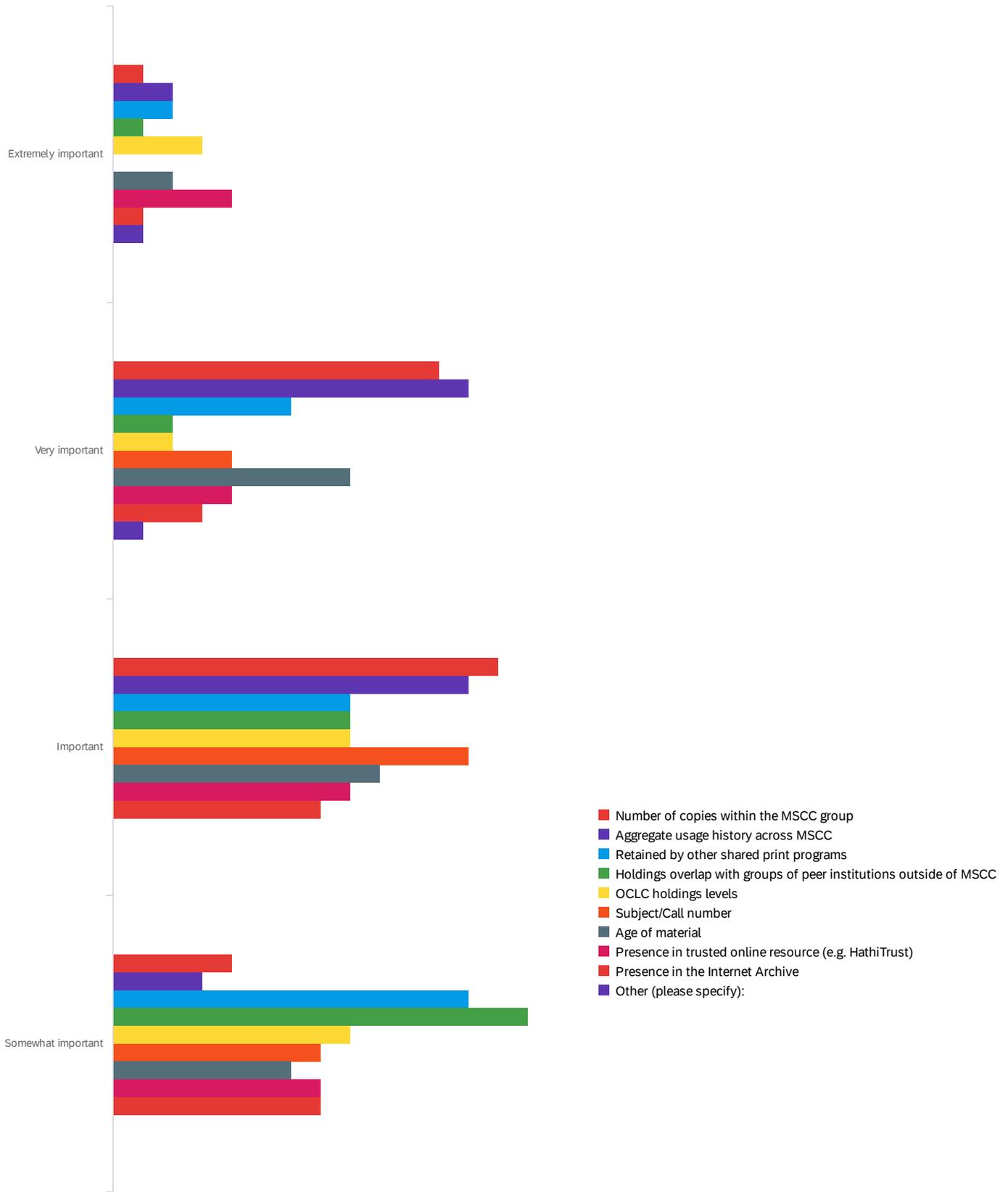
Other (please specify):

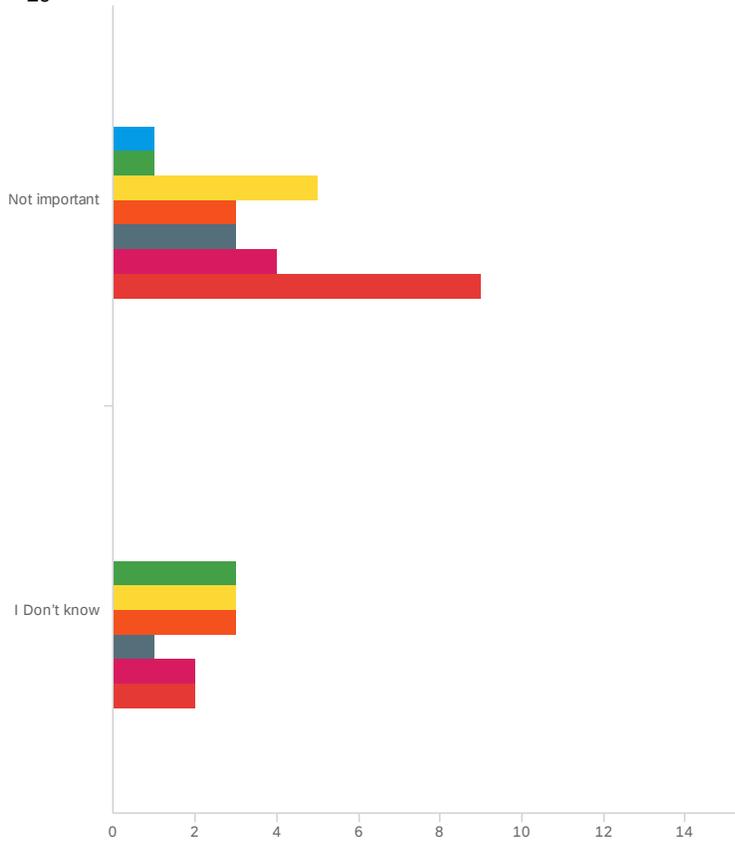
At this point, shared print retention programs, in concert with large scale digitization efforts such as HathiTrust, have flagged for retention, digitized, and preserved huge numbers of titles held in US libraries. As older print content goes out of copyright it will be digitized if it's important to the commons. In future we'll probably find that many retained print items are not in fact a priority to either keep or digitize, since not everything ever printed is worth retaining forever. Future efforts may need to focus on collective preservation of born-digital content, which will be a much different problem.

I think we should keep reviewing our commitments as things may change over time (ie: space concerns, curricular needs)

Q17 - When determining a future monograph retention model for MSCC, please indicate

the importance of the following criteria:





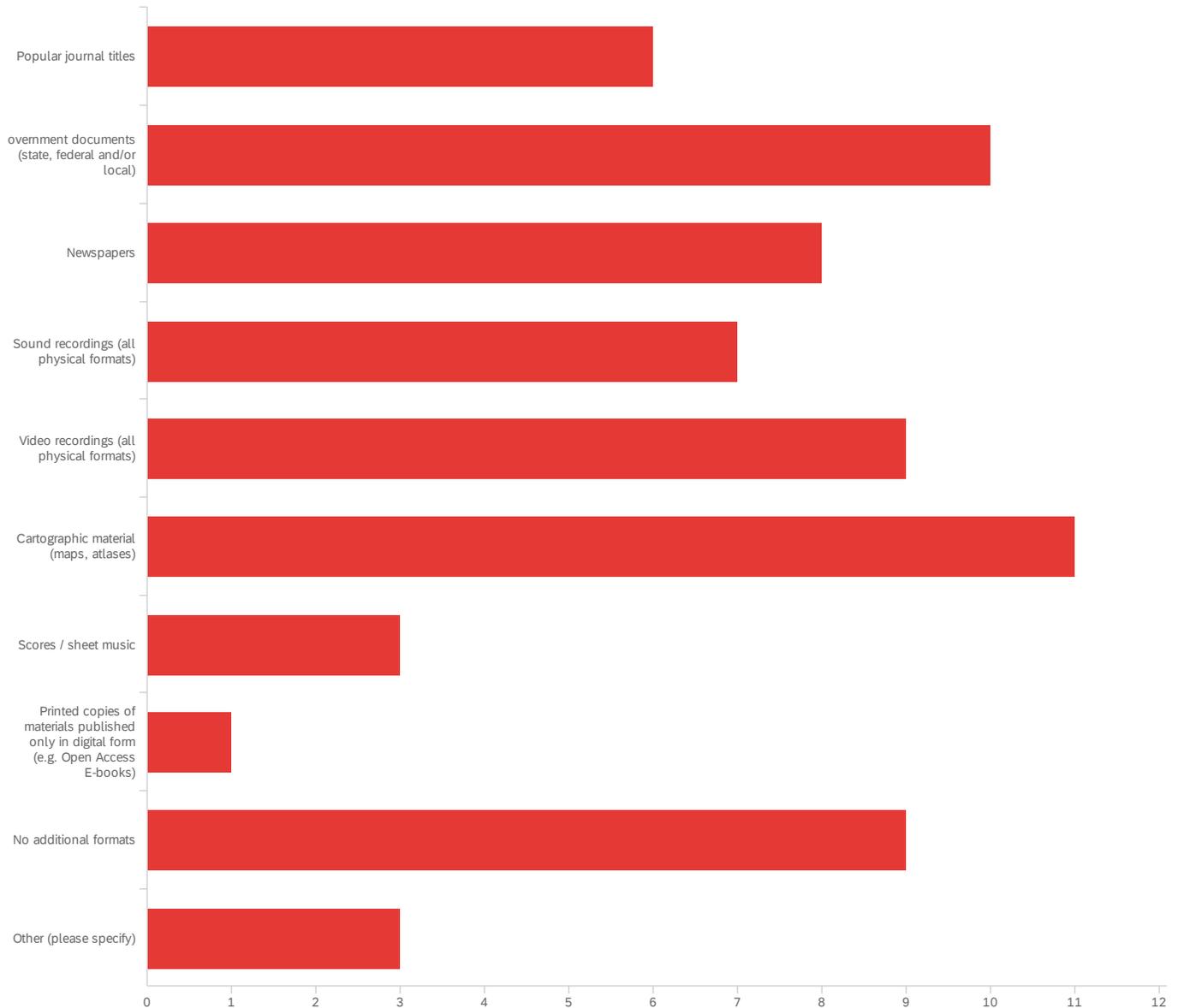
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Number of copies within the MSCC group	1.00	4.00	2.69	0.75	0.56	29
2	Aggregate usage history across MSCC	1.00	4.00	2.55	0.77	0.59	29
3	Retained by other shared print programs	1.00	5.00	3.14	1.01	1.02	29
4	Holdings overlap with groups of peer institutions outside of MSCC	1.00	6.00	3.72	1.11	1.23	29
5	OCLC holdings levels	1.00	6.00	3.66	1.40	1.95	29
6	Subject/Call number	2.00	6.00	3.62	1.16	1.34	29
7	Age of material	1.00	6.00	3.10	1.21	1.47	29
8	Presence in trusted online resource (e.g. HathiTrust)	1.00	6.00	3.31	1.42	2.01	29
9	Presence in the Internet Archive	1.00	6.00	3.90	1.24	1.54	29
10	Other (please specify):	1.00	2.00	1.50	0.50	0.25	2

#	Field	Extremely important	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	I Don't know	Total
1	Number of copies within the MSCC group	3.45% 1	37.93% 11	44.83% 13	13.79% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	29
2	Aggregate usage history across MSCC	6.90% 2	41.38% 12	41.38% 12	10.34% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	29
3	Retained by other shared print programs	6.90% 2	20.69% 6	27.59% 8	41.38% 12	3.45% 1	0.00% 0	29
4	Holdings overlap with groups of peer institutions outside of MSCC	3.45% 1	6.90% 2	27.59% 8	48.28% 14	3.45% 1	10.34% 3	29
5	OCLC holdings levels	10.34% 3	6.90% 2	27.59% 8	27.59% 8	17.24% 5	10.34% 3	29
6	Subject/Call number	0.00% 0	13.79% 4	41.38% 12	24.14% 7	10.34% 3	10.34% 3	29
7	Age of material	6.90% 2	27.59% 8	31.03% 9	20.69% 6	10.34% 3	3.45% 1	29
8	Presence in trusted online resource (e.g. HathiTrust)	13.79% 4	13.79% 4	27.59% 8	24.14% 7	13.79% 4	6.90% 2	29
9	Presence in the Internet Archive	3.45% 1	10.34% 3	24.14% 7	24.14% 7	31.03% 9	6.90% 2	29
10	Other (please specify):	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2

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Q18 - What additional formats/materials do you think MSCC should consider as part of

future retention efforts? Please select all that apply.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Popular journal titles	8.96% 6
2	Government documents (state, federal and/or local)	14.93% 10
3	Newspapers	11.94% 8
4	Sound recordings (all physical formats)	10.45% 7
5	Video recordings (all physical formats)	13.43% 9

#	Field	Choice Count
6	Cartographic material (maps, atlases)	16.42% 11
7	Scores / sheet music	4.48% 3
8	Printed copies of materials published only in digital form (e.g. Open Access E-books)	1.49% 1
9	No additional formats	13.43% 9
10	Other (please specify)	4.48% 3
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Q18_10_TEXT - Other (please specify)

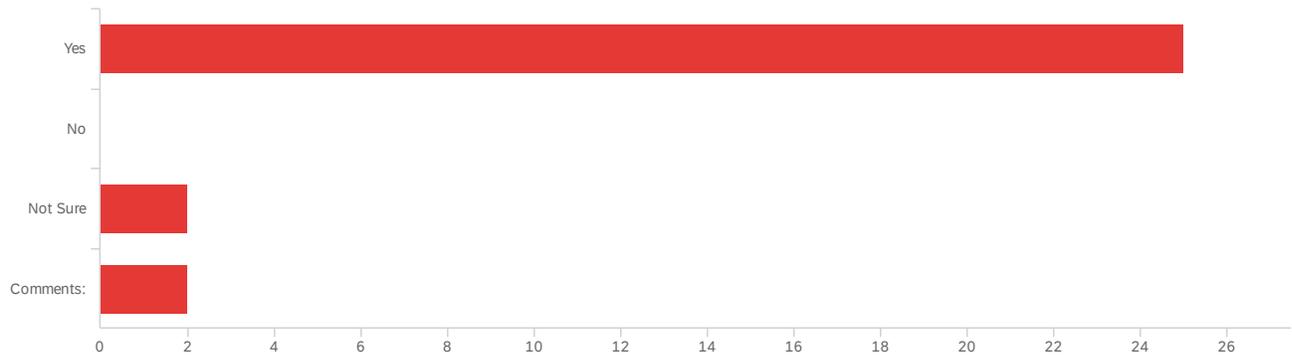
Other (please specify)

I would fear that committing to retaining certain materials (sound, video) in all formats would overwhelm individual libraries if they lacked the ability to deaccession them. I would favor adding commitments to other materials (newspapers, sheet music) if format was not part specified, i.e. okay to commit to keeping a newspaper title on paper OR film OR digital.

It is often difficult to find long runs of popular magazines, which reflect the zeitgeist of a period, in any library. The same goes for smaller local and regional print newspapers. Many have never been made available in digital format. Any collections of these that do exist should probably be identified and then assessed for possible permanent retention, digitization, and other actions that will preserve access for future historical research.

Maine specific newspapers

Q19 - Does MSCC provide proactive, useful communications to the members?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Does MSCC provide proactive, useful communications to the members? - Selected Choice	1.00	4.00	1.34	0.88	0.78	29

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Yes	86.21% 25
2	No	0.00% 0
3	Not Sure	6.90% 2
4	Comments:	6.90% 2

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Q19_4_TEXT - Comments:

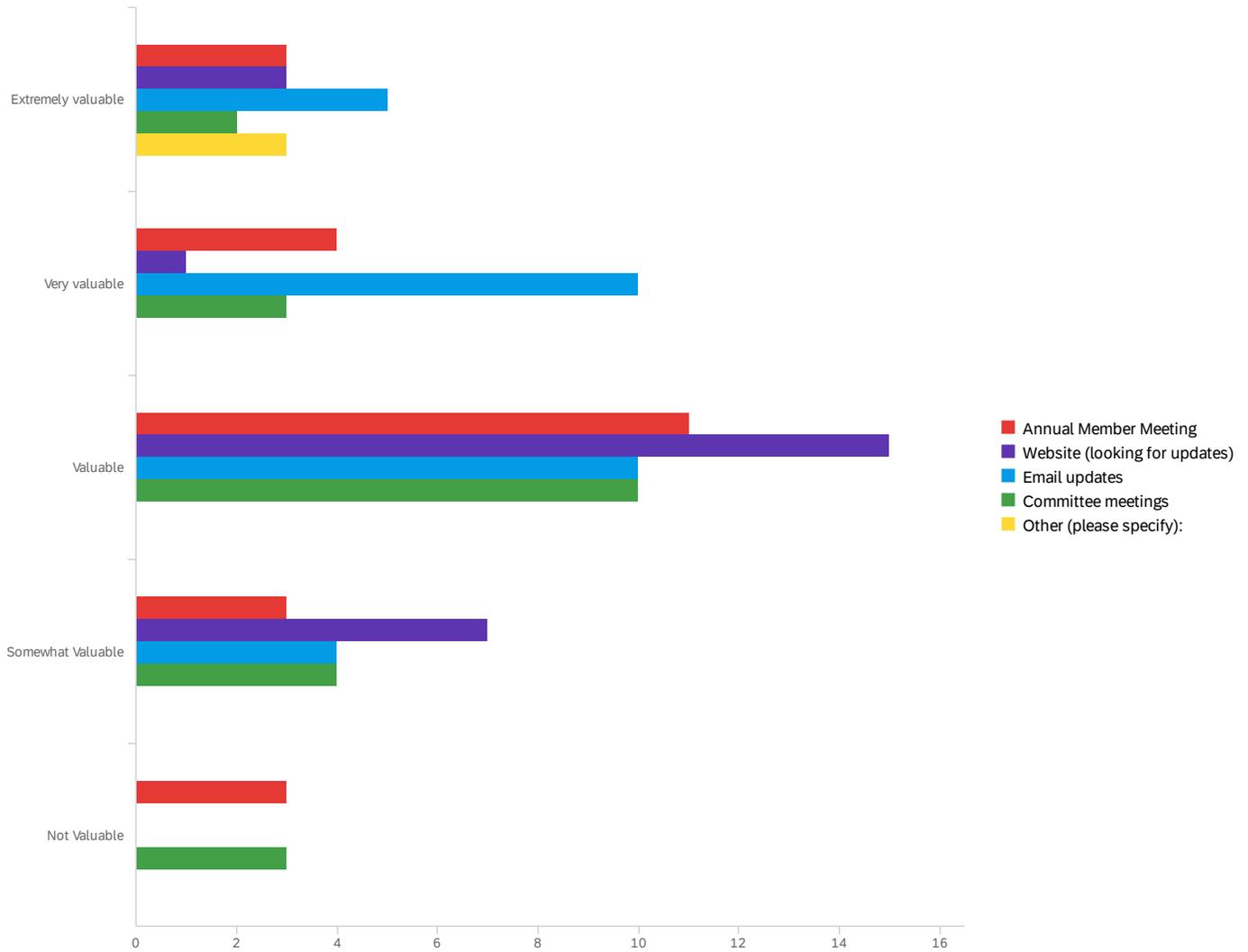
Comments:

Really, I just want the program to be in place and work as it is designed to do. I don't need or want a lot of communication.

Sometimes. Still learning

Q20 - Please indicate the value of the following types of communication currently

provided by MSCC:



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Annual Member Meeting	1.00	5.00	2.96	1.14	1.29	24
2	Website (looking for updates)	1.00	4.00	3.00	0.88	0.77	26
3	Email updates	1.00	4.00	2.45	0.93	0.87	29
4	Committee meetings	1.00	5.00	3.14	1.10	1.21	22
5	Other (please specify):	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	3

#	Field	Extremely valuable	Very valuable	Valuable	Somewhat Valuable	Not Valuable	Total
1	Annual Member Meeting	12.50% 3	16.67% 4	45.83% 11	12.50% 3	12.50% 3	24
2	Website (looking for updates)	11.54% 3	3.85% 1	57.69% 15	26.92% 7	0.00% 0	26
3	Email updates	17.24% 5	34.48% 10	34.48% 10	13.79% 4	0.00% 0	29
4	Committee meetings	9.09% 2	13.64% 3	45.45% 10	18.18% 4	13.64% 3	22
5	Other (please specify):	100.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3

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Q21 - MSCC makes available a variety of documents relating to governance, policies and procedures and best practices, which are available on the MSCC website at <http://www.maineinonet.org/mscs/progress/>. Do you have comments or feedback on how MSCC can improve the usefulness of these documents for our members?

MSCC makes available a variety of documents relating to governance, policie...

There's a popular misconception that MSCC commitments are unreasonably strict. I think the list of very reasonable reasons that a library can revoke/terminate a retention commitment should be made very visible on the web site, like if there was a top-level menu bar link "Retention Commitment Rules" on the home page, and then that led to a page with a few short paragraphs with bulleted lists of reasons that we can end a retention commitment. I think that would help with explaining this flexibility to people who say "I need to leave the project because I can't retain these things."

This is an important program.

Q22 - Do you have other suggestions for ways MSCC can improve its communication with members?

Do you have other suggestions for ways MSCC can improve its communication w...

I mean, today is my birthday, and MSCC didn't send a card or anything, but then again I'm several weeks late responding, so I really can't complain. JOKING. I am joking. I mean, I am late, but I'm not complaining about the card.

Thanks for your work.

It would be great if there were PR materials to explain to non-participants and staff members WHY this is super important. During a meeting with an unnamed public library, I was shocked that they dominated the conversation with negative comments. They clearly did not understand why we are doing this and how they could make it work. It is unfortunate that former staff members still do not see the relevancy of this important undertaking. :)

Still pretty new to this project, so not at this time.

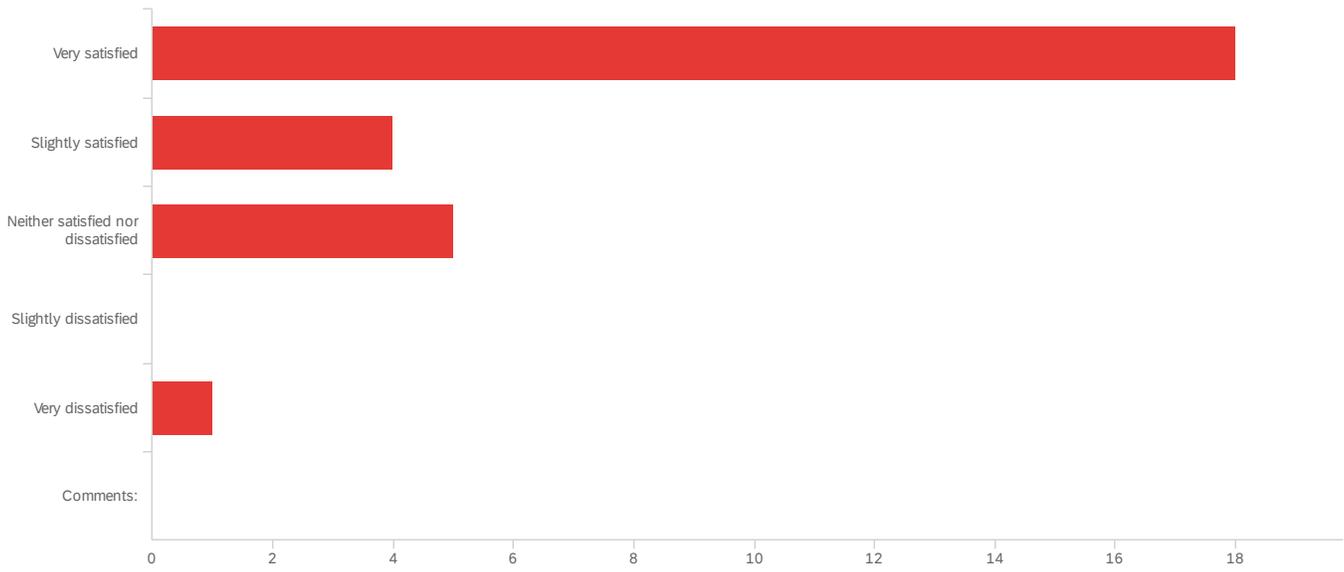
No, it isn't an intrusive initiative. It is more a passive benefit. We only think about it when it benefits us: a patron wants something not held locally, our copy is damaged.

Communications are only going to our library director, who is not the one responsible for collection development. It might be helpful to ensure that communications are going to multiple staff members at each library.

Email works fine for me.

I know when I see email from MSCC I should read it--unlike some other organizations that send so much you don't know what is important and what is junk.

Q23 - Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with MSCC?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with MSCC? - Selected Choice	1.00	5.00	1.64	1.01	1.02	28

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Very satisfied	64.29% 18
2	Slightly satisfied	14.29% 4
3	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	17.86% 5
4	Slightly dissatisfied	0.00% 0
5	Very dissatisfied	3.57% 1
6	Comments:	0.00% 0

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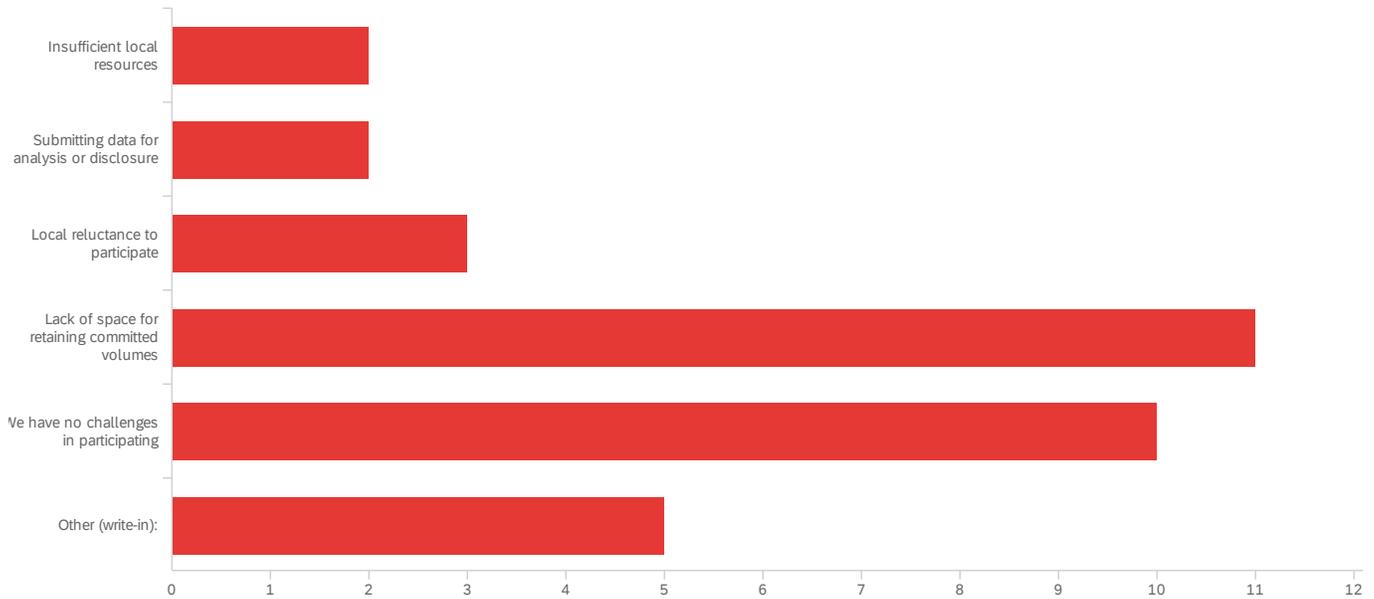
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Q23_6_TEXT - Comments:

Comments:

Q24 - What barriers has your library encountered regarding participation or potential

participation in MSCC? Please select all that apply.




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#	Field	Choice Count
1	Insufficient local resources	6.06% 2
2	Submitting data for analysis or disclosure	6.06% 2
3	Local reluctance to participate	9.09% 3
4	Lack of space for retaining committed volumes	33.33% 11
5	We have no challenges in participating	30.30% 10
6	Other (write-in):	15.15% 5

Q24_6_TEXT - Other (write-in):

Other (write-in):

We are on the hook for retention of a lot of juvenile material. I feel like we need to find some middle ground between retaining all the juvenile material (except for board books and superceded editions and 'bad publishers'). I also think we did not locally do the necessary work to exclude items in poor condition at the time that the initial retention commitments were made.

some staff not aware/trained about the program

preservation challenges in our environment

survey only allowed one selection but I would say both insufficient local resources (staffing), local reluctance to participate, lack of space

Requirement to maintain random books in series that do not circulate locally, but are still MSCC

Q25 - Please indicate anything you believe MSCC could be doing or doing differently to achieve its mission:

Please indicate anything you believe MSCC could be doing or doing different...

I think we need a clear vision of what we're trying to retain in the juvenile realm, and we might even need to make that something where we frame positively what we do want to keep rather than framing negatively those few categories of juvenile literature that we *don't* want to retain.

Positive PR on MELIBS?

though MSCC membership guidelines state that the library will replace MSCC materials that are lost or never returned, in practical terms this has not been possible, due to both staffing and funding constraints. UMaine has thousands of MSCC retention titles that are no longer held, but most are unimportant to us in terms of using limited funds to buy more copies due solely to the MSCC designation. I wonder if a collective review could or should be performed on non-replaced MSCC items, to determine whether members can sanction non-replacement and removal of the retention commitment, or recommend that the group does desire replacement even if not important at the holding institution. (The other option being, wait until the retention period expires, and remove designations then).

Perhaps provide education on preservation techniques, challenges and solutions

Check in more often about series titles and try to keep MSCC commitments to the same library as a whole.

We should periodically analyze the retained collection and refine our parameters. Like all things, we need to be sustainable and efficient.

Q26 - How does shared print generally and MSCC specifically figure in your strategic and operational planning?

How does shared print generally and MSCC specifically figure in your strate...

We are committed to retaining a significant portion of our collections, so having the space, time, and people to work on them figures into our planning. But specifically? We would need to space, time, and people whether or not we participated in MSCC. It's not like all of our space, time, and personnel issues would be solved if we pulled out of MSCC. So MSCC is somewhat of a burden, but it is a burden that moves in the same direction are moving anyway. MSCC is also liberating, in a way, the same way ILL is liberating. There is comfort and space in knowing that other libraries will not only obtain but retain certain titles and that those titles will be available in the future. It frees us to acquire and deaccession more freely (except, obviously, for the titles we are committed to retaining).

We know that we're going to have to continue to maintain an offsite storage facility at significant expense to us, and that we can't weed our way out of that situation, nor can we redevelop that property for other purposes without finding another site to store this material.

It is fantastic for weeding. I feel more confident removing titles. Matthew has been great when we need to de-commit to a title.

MSCC has allowed some relief in knowing that when we withdraw certain materials, they have not been flagged by our local Maine state collective as critical to keep on behalf of our community. Thus MSCC helps to some extent with planning for space planning. Our collections librarian has noted MSCC commitments at other libraries have allowed the library to withdraw materials in small, targeted parts of the collection when needed. However, our own MSCC commitments to some non- or low-circulation materials we'd rather have the option to withdraw has hampered the same projects.

It doesn't really effect us.

Helps supplement contracting budget

We strive to acquire and retain local publications, our commitments to MSCC sustain this goal. We are challenged to provide a safe environment to preserve our collection, our commitments to MSCC bolster our argument for resources. When one of our items is damaged, we refer to MSCC to decide whether to replace it.

Not at all

It is not documented as a priority in our collection development policy or in our recent strategic planning results.

Space is very limited at this library, so MSCC has to be in strategic and operational planning documents so that it's value is understood by all stakeholders.

We consider MSCC designations during weeding projects.

Q27 - Is there any additional feedback that you would like to share regarding: MSCC goals, MSCC membership, retention commitments, future library commitments and impacts, future growth of the MSCC collective collection, and communications? Note, this is the final question of the survey. Once you hit the forward arrow you will submit your response to the survey.

Is there any additional feedback that you would like to share regarding: MS...

Bangor Public Library is generally very happy to be a part of MSCC and the leadership team wants to see the project succeed. There are some parts of our collection and our retention policies that we should take a harder look at before 2028, though.

I am happy to help promote MSCC.

Perhaps an occasional reminder message that we should be mindful to fulfill our material retention commitments as part of the MSCC would be useful. It would remind administrators to remind their staffs!

I don't know if MSCC should take a lead role statewide in publicizing the challenges of preserving print resources in the age of climate change; but I would like to see more statewide initiatives and support for this increasing challenge.

While I believe in the mission and goals of MSCC, as a medium-size public library we place emphasis on usage first and foremost. It's not working to our advantage locally to be committed to keeping titles that are no longer used, and we have little staff time to go through the process of deaccessioning (particularly for juvenile materials). Librarianship requires buy-in and support of bigger picture initiatives and values, but not at the cost of local control and usage. For us, the return on investment isn't delivering.

I'm not sure if this is where these comments are appropriate, but I want to be sure to include them. When we entered into MSCC our library had a staff person who was interested able to include this work in their job responsibilities. In the last several years our staffing has changed and we are no longer able to make this project and the work it requires a priority. Though they were interested and initially committed, they felt they weren't able to give the project the time and commitment expected. These were some of the comments made by the person who oversaw our commitments at the time of their departure: Should we leave MSCC? After looking at 2019 MSCC Group Collection Analysis, Retention Model Summaries, and the Policy on Retention Commitment Changes I feel that we are moving away from the original intent of MSCC. When the library joined titles we would hold in our collection until 2028 were "rare and local interest titles." Now the titles include popular authors, cookbooks, and nonfiction subjects that will not be relevant by 2028. Plus the list included children's titles that will likely be weeded before 2028 due to the condition of the book or falls into a category on our weeding policy. Another issue is staff time in checking each title to ensure it is on the shelf and if so what is the condition of the item. (short notice and required a significant amount of time.) .

End of Report