

Maine Shared Collections Cooperative Member Meeting

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Our Agenda

- Takeaways from MSCC Planning Survey
- Results of pilot studies reviewing MSCC commitments
- Feedback on changes to MSCC retention criteria & next steps
- Continued work on reviewing commitments



Purpose of the Survey

- Survey was circulated to 41 MSCC members in July 2023
- Goals of the survey:
 - 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.



Takeaways from MSCC Survey

- 33 out of 41 member libraries responded to the survey.
- Goals of print preservation and ensuring access for local users of retained monograph titles remain important to MSCC members.
- Willingness to extend commitments from most members, but current record commitment levels are no longer sustainable.
- Need for greater flexibility in local collection management decision-making.
- MSCC commitments facilitate local withdrawal projects for monographs.
- Respondents are clear in their desire to remove certain categories of material from having retention commitments.
- Only 3 libraries would NOT continue retention commitments for ANY MSCC-designated titles.



Takeaways from MSCC Survey cont.

- Members overall are very satisfied with the MSCC program, but desire to remove some commitments.
- Consensus approval on the frequency and methods of member communication provided by MSCC.
- More than half of the respondents indicated a willingness to participate in future MSCC collection analyses to identify potential future commitments.
- Less support for libraries making additional MSCC commitments to monograph titles acquired after 2012.



Bates Review of MSCC Commitments (Using Alma Analytics)

Analytics Report	Bates # of Titles
MSCC All	214,993
Special Collections	11,153
No Circulation	23,921
Publishers	5,761
Reference	423
Total “out of scope”:	41,258
Percent of Commitments:	19.19%



Bangor Public Retention Review Results

- Exported from Sierra a spreadsheet list of **159,362** items with MSCC commitments
- Able to identify **62,486 items** that I don't think need to be retained for MSCC - **around 39%** of the items in the list!
- Eliminated entirely:
 - Juvenile non-fiction
 - Special Collections titles
 - Reference material (including lots of genealogical material)
 - Publisher list works (and added numerous others to list)
- Used EAST Tips document to flag additional out of scope material
- Time-consuming process without Alma Analytics & not perfect, but effective
- Questions remain around arts and crafts material



Windham PL Retention Review Results

- Exported spreadsheet list of 1,985 items with MSCC commitments
- Able to identify **457 items** that I don't think need to be retained for MSCC - **around 23%** of the items in the list.
- Eliminated entirely:
 - Juvenile non-fiction
 - Reference material
 - Publisher list works (and added numerous others to list)
- Obviously much easier process than for BPL and could easily replicate for rest of Minerva



Feedback on Changes to MSCC Retention Criteria

MSCC Executive Committee and Collections & Operations Committee have agreed to policy change whereby MSCC commitments can be removed on:

- non-circulating titles (including special collections)
- titles with zero circulations
- juvenile non-fiction

Thoughts on these changes?



Next Steps

- Implement retention policy changes at member libraries & remove commitment notes for:
 - non-circulating titles (including special collections)
 - titles with zero circulations
 - juvenile non-fiction
 - out of scope publisher's works
 - And use tips document to remove additional content
- Work my way through Minerva members alphabetically, flag out of scope titles & ask MIN to remove retention note*
- UMS & CBB libraries handled separately in Alma Analytics
- Develop plan for MSL & PPL.

*Will only really affect libraries who participated in 2019 collection analysis project



OCLC Data on Multiple MSCC Commitments in WorldCat

Of Maine SC Holding Symbols with a retention set

Row Labels	Count of OCLCNUMBER
2	281,741
3	8,302
4	3,262
5	1,720
6	613
7	88
8	5
(blank)	
Grand Total	295731



OCLC Data on Multiple MSCC Commitments in WorldCat cont.

OCLCNUMBER	INST_COUNT	HOLDING_INSTS	ALL_WC_RETENTIONS
1416365	8	BBH,BTS,BYN,CBY,MEA,MEU,PGP,PPN	11
12762947	8	BBH,BTS,BYN,CBY,MEA,MEU,PGP,PPN	10
8654052	8	BBH,BTS,BYN,CBY,MEA,MEU,PGP,PPN	8
1138373	8	BBH,BTS,BYN,CBY,MEA,MEU,PGP,PPN	8
2476427	8	BBH,BTS,BYN,CBY,MEA,MEU,PGP,PPN	10
2081091	7	BBH,BYN,CBY,MEA,MEU,PGP,PPN	7
1075511	7	BBH,BTS,BYN,CBY,MEA,MEU,PPN	7
48106533	7	BBH,BTS,CBY,MEA,MEU,PGP,PPN	7
24318818	7	BBH,BTS,CBY,MEA,MEU,PGP,PPN	22
8007587	7	BBH,BTS,BYN,CBY,MEA,MEU,PPN	8
24107393	7	BTS,BYN,CBY,MEA,MEU,PGP,PPN	13
3234839	7	BBH,BTS,BYN,CBY,MEA,MEU,PPN	9
8660102	7	BBH,BTS,BYN,CBY,MEA,MEU,PPN	8





PARTNERSHIP FOR SHARED BOOK COLLECTIONS

- Open Retention Data Group looking at possible implementations of an open data solution for shared print monographs – make cross program analysis easier
- Communications recommendations concerning local weeding
- Pilot research project with OCLC to investigate landscape of shared print in US and Canada, identify gaps and better understand subject and regional coverage
- Risk research on optimal number of copies to retain
- Updating shared print metadata guidance - SPA
- Shared print presence in resource sharing tools & Alma
- Merger with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance



Questions?

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