



Supplement for IFLA 2013 World Library and Information Congress Presentation “Together we are Stronger: A Cooperative Approach to Managing Print Collections”

Introduction/Background

Nine institutions in the U.S. state of Maine have come together to form the [Maine Shared Collections Strategy](#) (MSCS), a collaborative effort to identify material which the libraries will commit to retain for a minimum of 15 years on behalf of the group. The work of MSCS is supported by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Objective 1: Collections analysis

MSCS libraries wanted to answer the following questions:

- Which monographs should be designated for long-term retention?
- What is an equitable and/or common-sense distribution of retention responsibilities?
- Which monographs are candidates for incorporating into POD/EOD services (via local or shared catalogs) by virtue of HathiTrust or Internet Archive public domain material?
- Which monograph copies (by library) could optionally be deselected, once retention decisions have been finalized?

We extracted bibliographic, holdings and circulation data from our library catalogs to answer these questions. We used [Sustainable Collection Services](#) (SCS), a collections analysis vendor, to normalize, de-dupe and fill in missing data. The results were presented to us in data reports to help us think about retention and withdrawal opportunities. Extracts from the data reports are included below:

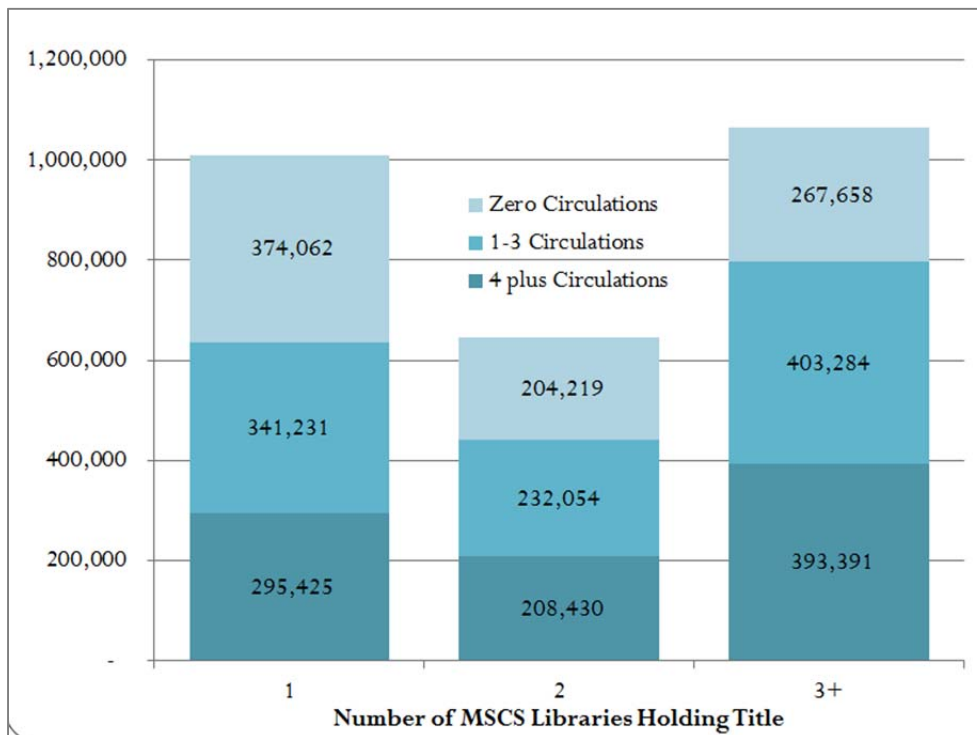
- Collections usage data showed that 35% of the MSCS collective collection had zero circulations. The percentage was lower than expected because of the inclusion of public library circulation data.

MSCS Title-Holding Counts	All Libraries	%	Bangor Public Library	%	Colby	%	University of Maine Orono	%
All Title Holdings - Filtered	2,920,014	100%	314,100	100%	399,442	100%	683,311	100%
Circulation Counts								
Total Charges = 0	1,031,956	35%	76,905	24%	167,556	42%	255,539	37%
Total Charges = 1	472,978	16%	30,836	10%	73,117	18%	120,889	18%
Total Charges = 2	306,266	10%	19,259	6%	46,221	12%	77,934	11%
Total Charges = 3	207,926	7%	14,159	5%	30,325	8%	53,336	8%
Total Charges = 4 to 9	513,685	18%	54,820	17%	63,380	16%	125,542	18%
Total Charges = 10+	387,203	13%	118,121	38%	18,843	5%	50,071	7%
Last circulation after 2010	504,483	17%	114,204	36%	48,366	12%	67,402	10%
Last circulation after 2007	860,599	29%	166,010	53%	95,022	24%	139,299	20%
Last circulation after 2005	1,045,973	36%	186,556	59%	119,063	30%	182,235	27%

- MSCS group overlap data showed a high proportion of MSCS holdings are only held by 1-2 partners

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Overlap within MSCS Group								
Unique Holding in group	1,118,151	38%	154,252	49%	131,346	33%	301,451	44%
Title-holdings in 2 libraries	684,395	23%	74,653	24%	89,634	22%	162,594	24%
Title-holdings in 3 libraries	462,446	16%	33,413	11%	74,025	19%	100,299	15%
Title-holdings in 4 libraries	325,959	11%	20,918	7%	55,441	14%	65,572	10%
Title-holdings in 5 libraries	190,215	7%	14,490	5%	30,444	8%	33,466	5%
Title-holdings in 6 libraries	82,224	3%	9,447	3%	11,303	3%	12,429	2%
Title-holdings in 7 libraries	40,179	1%	4,921	2%	5,219	1%	5,468	1%
Title-holdings in 8 libraries	15,550	1%	1,906	1%	1,931	0%	1,933	0%

- SCS compared the holding levels with circulation levels



MSCS decided to develop retention criteria for holdings from pre-2003 which are held by 1-2 libraries. In [Scenario One](#) the libraries agreed to retain:

- Copies if any circulation or reserve activity
- “Protected” category copies even if no circulation (Maine and/or institution specific items)
- Special Collections/Archives copies even if no circulation
- Unique in OCLC (only 0-9 copies in OCLC) even if no circulation

MSCS libraries are currently disclosing their retention commitments using in the MARC 583 field in library catalogs and through the use of the OCLC Shared Print Symbol in WorldCat.

Objective #2: Delivering E-book-On-Demand and Print-On-Demand

MSCS intend to utilize digital collections such as the [HathiTrust](#) and [Internet Archive](#) to offer new ways for patrons to access materials.

The following is an extract from SCS's HathiTrust and Internet Archive overlap comparisons:

- MSCS Group Collection Summary: HathiTrust & Internet Archive overlap shows surprisingly low overlap for HathiTrust Public Domain material.

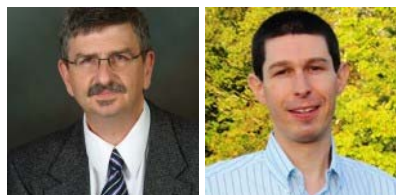
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Hathi Trust Digital Library & Internet Archive								
Hathi Trust Public Domain Match	175,123	6%	23,387	7%	23,590	6%	40,741	6%
Hathi Trust In-Copyright Match	1,075,523	37%	73,745	23%	160,597	40%	273,250	40%
Internet Archive Match	403,032	14%	80,608	26%	44,982	11%	64,268	9%
In Internet Archive not in Hathi	183,883	6%	49,617	16%	16,292	4%	21,839	3%
In Hathi not in Internet Archive	1,052,720	36%	70,324	22%	157,983	40%	277,187	41%

Objective #3: Governance and Business Model

MSCS are working on ensuring that MSCS is sustainable beyond the grant period and partners. One of the ways we are trying to ensure this is to have a [Memorandum Of Understanding](#) which defines the governance structure and financial model and clearly states the rights and responsibilities of members.

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To see our presentation slides see: <http://www.maineinfonet.net/mscs/about/presentations/> and for the full paper see: <http://library.ifla.org/77/>

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