

Maine Shared Collections Cooperative Retention Meeting

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Goal of MSCC

A cooperative of Maine libraries who have committed to retaining material in order to make it 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.



Retention Work to Date

- **MSCC Phase 1 commitments – 1.3 million titles**
- **Individual collection analysis projects – 2k committed**
- **MSCC Phase 2 commitments – 139k committed**



Phase 2 Retention Rules

Public Libraries Model

- **Rarity**
 - Retain **ALL copies** of titles where fewer than 10 U.S. holding in OCLC WorldCat (Any edition)
- **Usage**
 - Retain **1 copy** of titles with 10 or more aggregate uses held by 1 or more libraries, with a last charge date after 2014 (Any edition)



Phase 2 Retention Totals

MSCC Institutions	Title-Holdings	Items
Bangor Public Library	11,548	12,264
Bates College	17,233	17,667
Bowdoin College	16,913	17,411
Colby College	11,721	11,914
Maine State Library	10,553	11,897
Minerva Libraries	33,356	72,538
Portland Public Lib	10,201	12,727
U Maine - Augusta	2,692	2,870
U Maine - Farmington	1,397	1,454
U Maine - Fort Kent	973	1,029
U Maine - Machias	581	582
U Maine - Orono	17,958	18,307
U Maine-Presque Isle	538	541
Univ Southern Maine	3,416	3,564
	139,080	



Minerva Retention Totals

Minerva Collection Locations	Title-Holdings	items
Edythe Dyer	1,778	1,790
Gardiner	3,392	3,444
Jesup	2,718	2,744
McArthur	2,610	2,647
Norway	1,578	1,584
Old Town	1,549	1,565
Rice	2,347	2,353
Scarborough	2,732	2,734
SMCC	823	833
St. Joseph's	957	1,003
Thomas	3,206	3,222
Unity	1,905	1,986
Wells	1,674	1,680
Windham	1,971	1,989
Witherle	423	423



Potential Withdrawal Opportunities

A	B	C	D
Library	# of retentions	Weeding Candidates (Overlap within Minerva)	Weeding Candidates (Overlap with other MSCC libs)
Edythe Dyer	1,790	2,024	2,850
Gardner PL	3,444	2,767	4,328
Jesup	2,744	1,854	3,834
McArthur PL	2,647	3,532	4,715
Norway PL	1,584	1,663	3,859
Old Town	1,565	2,471	2,822
Rice PL	2,353	3,555	5,553
Scarborough PL	2,734	4,510	7,084
Saint Joseph's College	1,003	112	1,727
Southern Maine CC	833	223	2,255
Thomas Memorial PL	3,222	3,573	5,905
Unity College	1,986	26	2,066
Wells PL	1,680	2,680	3,404
Windham PL	1,989	2,045	3,408
Witherle PL	423	787	2,022
Total	29,997	31,822	55,832



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Out of Scope for Retention

Materials you can remove commitments on:

- Textbooks
- Guides e.g. travel guides, self-help & pet training
- Manuals e.g. technology manuals such as Window 95
- Outdated health, legal & consumer information
- Government and legal documents

To be proactive consider running a list of specific call numbers with MSCC status



Publishers List & Keywords

- List of publishers & keywords excluded from retention consideration
- Includes:
 - Specific textbook & guide publishers, self-publishing companies, some juvenile fiction and non-fiction, and mass paperback publishers

Not perfect: some titles will still have ended up being retained



The James Patterson Issue

- Why am I being asked to retain my James Pattersons, which haven't circled since I committed?
 - Would have met retention rules i.e. circled previously and/or at another library
 - Other libraries relying on commitment to remove their copies
 - MSCC is largely agnostic to literary quality



Possible solutions?

- Every five years, Minerva libraries are provided with lists of titles that have had zero circs to consider whether still need to be retained

Other ideas?



MSCC Transfer Process

- Biannual call for transferring commitments
- Shelf checking isn't a requirement
- Extra time is fine & you don't have to wait until call for transfer candidates



Any other questions or concerns?

