



Maine Shared Collections Cooperative (MSCC) June 2019 PAN Update Report

The Maine Shared Collections Cooperative (MSCC) shared print program was founded in 2011 by eight of the largest libraries in Maine plus the state's consortium, Maine InfoNet. With support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services MSCC successfully implemented a shared approach to the management of print collections in the state.

Group Collection Analysis

During 2019, MSCC has embarked on its second phase of collection analysis, analyzing titles published or added to our member's collections from 2003-2012. Participating in the collection analysis are the eight founding members, five additional University of Maine System libraries, and 15 libraries from the Minerva library consortium which includes small public libraries, community colleges, and private liberal arts colleges.

MSCC data went live GreenGlass in May, since then the MSCC Collections and Operations Committee has been exploring the data and experimenting with different retention rules. Some of the standout data metrics are:

- 71% of our collective collection is only held by 1 library in the group. This is a much higher number than when we did the original analysis, when the percentage was 38%.
- 8% of titles have more than 25 holdings in OCLC WorldCat.
- 52% of titles have more than 200 holdings in OCLC WorldCat.
- 5% of our collective collection is held by 4 or more libraries within the group.
- 21% of titles have zero circulations, 46% 1-9 uses, 13% 10-19 uses, and 20% 20 plus uses. As with our original analysis the inclusion of public libraries raises the aggregate circulation totals.

As we undertake our analysis we are considering a number of different factors, including: our experiences of overcommitting in the first set of analysis, subsequent space and budget constraints, the growth of shared print in the north east region since our original work, and the inclusion of additional (mostly public) libraries.

Membership in the Maine Shared Collections Cooperative

Of the 41 libraries that the MSCC have worked with on the individual collection analysis service

(see previous PAN reports), 36 have so far formally joined the Cooperative, making 42 members across the state. Our newest member Southwest Harbor Public Library joined in February.

Partnership for Shared Book Collections

Maine Shared Collections is actively participating in the work of the Partnership for Shared Book Collections, through Matthew Revitt's involvement as convener of the Membership & Governance Working Group and member of the Partnership's Steering Committee.