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.

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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)

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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:
  o non-circulating titles (including special collections)
  o titles with zero circulations
  o juvenile non-fiction
  o out of scope publisher’s works
  o 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

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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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