



Maine Shared Collections Cooperative (MSCC) January 2015 PAN Update Report

Governance of MSCC

The Maine Shared Collections Cooperative (MSCC) continues to oversee the post-grant period of Maine Shared Collections. The MSCC Collections and Operations Committee have begun to prepare for the next round of group collection analysis which will be conducted in 2019. The Committee will next meet in February 2016. Among the other issues the Committee will be looking at are the proposed changes to the process for registering retention commitments in OCLC.

Collection Analysis Services

Matthew Revitt, Maine Shared Collection Librarian has been promoting MSCC's collection analysis services at library events and meetings and in publications across the state. As of December 2015, Matthew and the contracted MSCC Systems Librarian Sara Amato have worked with 31 Maine libraries on analyzing their print monograph collections. Based on experience from the grant, MSCC provides libraries with spreadsheet reports that can be used to identify both retention and withdrawal candidates. The libraries are charged a one-off fee to cover the costs of Sara extracting holdings data from OCLC WorldCat, local ILS systems, and MaineCat and compiling the spreadsheets. Sara continues to investigate methods to ensure the matching (using OCLC APIs) required in the analysis is as accurate as possible.

On average, 37% of the print monograph collections of the libraries the MSCC have worked with so far already have MSCC retention commitments at another library, which means substantial withdrawal opportunities. For retention at these libraries, generally, the titles identified as retention candidates are those where there are less than ten holdings in OCLC, don't have an existing MSCC retention commitment, or are Maine related. On average the amount of titles identified as potential retention candidates account for less than 1% of the library's print monograph collectionⁱ.

Membership in Maine Shared Collections Cooperative

MSCC membership has more than doubled over the previous 12 months. Of the 31 libraries the MSCC have worked with on analyzing their collections, 18 have so far formally joined the MSCC and have collectively agreed to retain approximately 1000 titlesⁱⁱ.

Documenting Retention Commitments

All new retention commitments are added to the relevant local Innovative and Koha ILS systems.

Most new MSCC libraries are not OCLC members. However, for those that are, OCLC Shared Print Symbols have been requested and the commitments have been recorded in the Local Holding Records of titles committed to retain. Maine Shared Collections and OCLC representatives have met to discuss OCLC's plans for changes to the shared print registration process.

The central union catalog, MaineCat, is on the current version of Inn-Reach which has enhancements to support loading of 583 retention fields from the local system into the union catalog and display within the OPAC. Maine InfoNet staff are working on the adjustments necessary for the display to work.

To ensure consistency all MSCC retention commitments expire in 2028.

MSCC Involvement in EAST

MSCC representatives continue to be involved in the Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust (EAST). Colby College is the only MSCC library that is participating in the EAST collection analysis process and have joined as an individual member. However, the Maine Shared Collections Strategy retention commitments are being used as a comparator group in EAST's collection analysis.

ⁱ "MSC Data Comparisons", <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/166pguY5D5GLSZH0XQzeYOOIujbRRVT7gS2jk7Dn4PB4/pubhtml?gid=1086627895&single=true>

ⁱⁱ "Members", <http://www.maineinfonet.org/mscs/about/partners/>