Tackling our Print Legacy: collaborative collection management
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Library collections today

Collaborative purchasing
√ Journals
X Monographs

Collaborative storage
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- New building opened in 2011 with room for about 1/3 of the collection. 1/3 in storage on campus, 1/3 off campus
- Accompanying plans for a storage facility never materialised
- Most used materials brought into new building
- Stored materials are underutilised, but not unused
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• Most electronic journals purchased in collaboratively through SHEDL and JISC
• Collaborative hard copy storage through RRUK
Options?

• Status quo
• Digitization
• Greatly reduce the collection on our own
• Collaboration
  – Regional
  – National
Scottish Confederation of University & Research Libraries, Collaborative Collection Management Committee

- Develop a shared strategy of collaborative management of the national collection
- Coordination of local digital programmes
- Coordination of print disposal
Defining CCM

- We each manage our own collections but within the wider context with agreement on relevant policies and procedures.
- Decision making around the long tail.
- SHEDL and RRUK.
- Managing a joint physical collection – print storage of journals and monographs.
- Shared responsibility for building a research collection for Scotland – collaborative purchasing.
Print retention policy for Scotland

• A copy should be retained within Scotland of: -
  • Scottish material in any language including material:
    • published in Scotland
    • published outside Scotland by Scots
    • about Scots
    • relating to Scotland
    • relating to any aspect of Scottish life and culture
    • or to individual Scots.
Then it gets complicated…

“Unique or scarce items in Scottish libraries should be retained for communal access and benefit.”

Define unique. Define scarce. Should or must?

Give me criteria for why it should be kept.

Who has authority?
Moving Forward

Data Gathering
- Metadata practices in our various Libraries
- Subject strengths to inform collecting
- Storage needs – current and future

Environmental Scan
- We’re not in this alone (thank heavens)
White Rose Libraries
Universities of Leeds, Sheffield, & York

Major initiatives:
- joint institutional repositories
- analysis of print collections using GreenGlass
- open access digital publishing
New Tools

- **GreenGlass (OCLC)**
  - Answers questions on usage, age, overlap with peers, representation in HathiTrust, uniqueness, and scarcity
  - A tool for normalising a single collection, or a group of collections. Think collaborative storage.

- **National Bibliographic Knowledgebase (UK)**
  - Joint project of JISC and OCLC
  - New shared service that will aggregate academic bibliographic data at scale
Consortia consorting

National Monographs Steering Group

- BL, H EFCE, JISC, RLUK, SCONUL, UKRR
- Commissioned a Feasibility Study on Monographs (currently in process)
FLARE  Florida Academic Repository

- Centrally housed state wide shared collection of low use print materials from academic libraries (11) in Florida
- Materials are permanently transferred to the high density facility
- Materials are available by loan or digitization to all participating libraries
- Cost is shared by all members and dependent on FTE, amount of material deposited and borrowed
HathiTrust Shared Print Program

- Secure print retention commitments for print holdings corresponding to all monograph titles in the HathiTrust digital collection
- Ensure preservation of print and digital collections by linking the two
- Reduce overall costs of collection management for HT members
- Catalyse national/continental collective management of collections
Two fold problem

- Our history and our future
- The long tail and current purchasing
- Solving storage without considering purchasing will mean we constantly need to solve storage
- These are problems we all share – I hope we can all share in solutions.
Happy to chat

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