Do We ALL Need to Keep That? Shared Print Archiving in COPPUL

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Why we're talking about this now

Part of broader PSE conversation

awareness of duplicated efforts over time

Systems now make it possible to assess

- level of usage and overlap
- * individual libraries weeding vs. a coordinated 'drawing down'

Space pressures on campus



Shared print movement

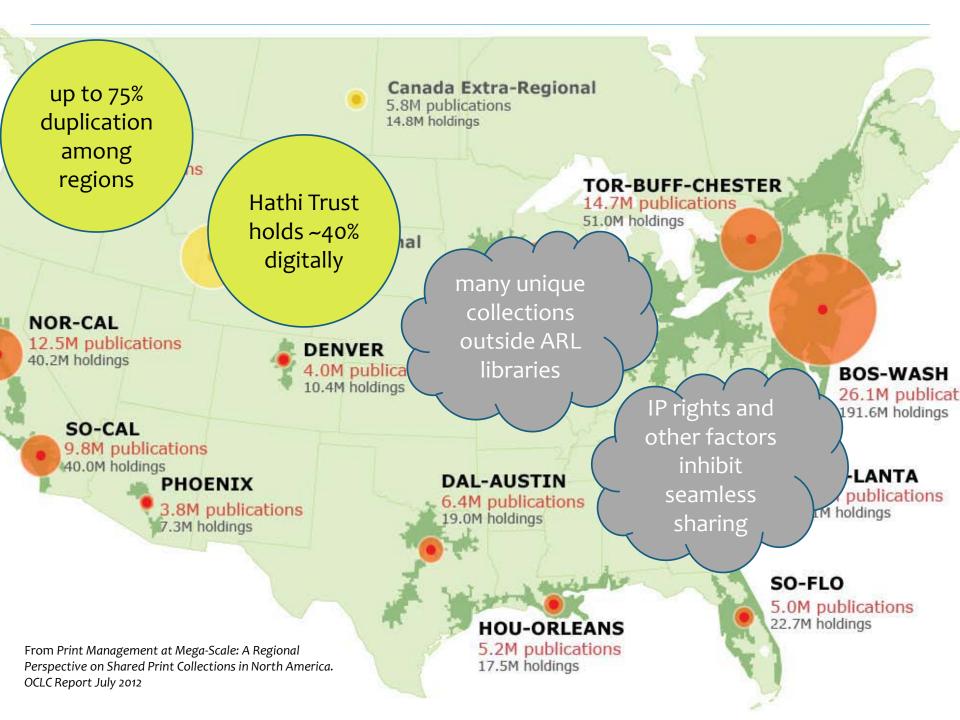
A way of identifying & de-duplicating **lowest use collections** and designating who will keep them for the future

Mega-scale view:

- * individual libraries as one big 'collective collection'
- * what's stable digitally, as alternative to keeping print

Shared print one of top three ARL director concerns for 2013

* but libraries of **all** types have a stake in preserving our print record



Who's working on this?

In US: Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST) and many more

In Canada: PAN Canadian documentary discussion, and regional planning

Viable tools emerging: OCLC, PAPR, monograph analyzers, other commercially based shared print tools





The WEST consortium

How COPPUL SPAN began



After several years of study:

- launched project with learning events and consultancy
- WEST offered 'risk category' framework

Directors' imperative for space repurposing

Commitments made to retain

- UBC and U Alberta made first commitments
 - part of aggregated collections in high-density storage facilities
- also distributed archives including BC members: SFU, UNBC, UFV, Kwantlen, UVic TRU and VIU



Governance lite

- * 5-person management team
- * modest fees paid to COPPUL to host
- * no permanent agreement: 5-year renewable
- * Agreement available at: www.coppul.ca/projects/SPAN%20AgreementApril20 12revWEB.pdf

COPPUL SHARED PRINT ARCHIVE NETWORK

what, what's next, why...

Phase 1: What?

Not everything the same

Risk analysis framework

- * Phase 1 = all low risk
- build trust, get started
- * data driven

Low risk heavily duplicated

Higher risk, more managed

Phase 1: Collection analysis

- * custom report from OCLC
- collected serials holdings lists from largest members
- developed tool to scrape serial holdings from catalogues of other members
- grant-funded summer student provided analysis brainpower

Phase 1: Results

- * 19 libraries signed membership and paid fees
- * 1,700+ journal titles (60,000 vols) retained by 10 libraries
- working to expose in WorldCat and Print Archives
 Preservation Registry
- * "archived in place"
- * ... for about \$27,000, 'all in'

"Thin consortial layer"

"Analog preservation needs to be in the background, something that happens but not something we fuss about. Simplicity and 'no noise' are important features."

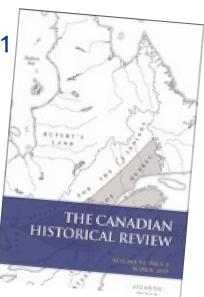
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Phase 2: Now what?

- * journals widely held in print & electronically, but with no post-cancellation access rights
- * Canadian serials
- * title changes of journals archived in Phase 1 ("continues" and "continued by")
- * approximately 80,000 volumes
- * 20th member joined







What next?

- Emerging record protocols for shared print
 - standard fields for retention commitment
 - separate OCLC symbols for repositories
- assessment of Phase 1
- long range planning—especially emerging focus on monographs
- * signature collections, uniquely held items

Why it matters

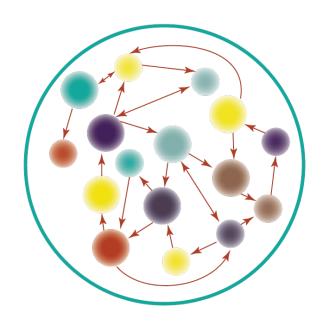
- tension between shelf-clearing imperative & preservation mandate
- * drives prospective collecting to be more collaborative

Culture change for collections management

from here...



... to here?



Innovative management of print, 2013 & beyond?



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Our work has just begun...

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