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OhioLINK Print Archiving Report

The Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK) is a consortium of 120 academic institutions and the State Library of Ohio. Part of OhioLINK's responsibilities is overseeing five regional depositories that support the print and media archiving of the collections of our 13 state supported universities. Three of these five depositories are shared facilities among multiple universities while two are supporting just a single university.

The directors of the 13 state supported universities make up the Regional Depositories Governing Council. This council serves as an oversight body of the five depositories and sets policies and approves guidelines for preserving print and media collections. The depositories are involved in an ongoing de-duplication effort to reduce the amount of duplication among the serial collections in the depositories. This includes participating in OCLC's Shared Print Management Program as part of the de-duplication project. These efforts are discussed below.

De-Duplication Efforts in OhioLINK

OhioLINK has been working on a serials deduplication project in our 5 depositories for 6 years now. In the beginning, we performed a couple of small projects that helped us define our procedures and policies, than began a project deduping Elsevier titles. We chose Elsevier because we have an electronic back file in our Electronic Journal Center and many of those print back files are stored in depositories. We started deduping alphabetically by title but soon discovered that many of the Elsevier titles had few volumes in the depositories and the space savings was minimal. So, we decided to take a step back and research which titles had a large number of duplicate volumes in the depositories regardless of publisher. We identified 15 titles to start with and have completed 10 of those 15 so far. These are titles with thousands of volumes in 4 or more depositories. We have discovered that just deduping one title results in significant space savings. Our policy is to maintain one complete print run of each title in one or more depositories. Each volume is completely verified as complete and holdings information is added to the local Central Catalog and to OCLC as to completeness and retention commitment. This

information is also shared with our member libraries who can then decide whether to also dedup local holdings.

Long Term Strategy for Shared Collections

The OhioLINK Library Advisory Council formed a task force in late 2015 to research and propose a long term strategy for the consortium concerning shared collections. Originally this task force was to focus on print, but as discussions ensued it was realized that a print strategy could not be divorced from an electronic resource strategy. So, the task force switched from a Shared Print Task Force to a Shared Collections Task Force.

OhioLINK has a long history of shared collections. They started sharing print collections across the state through an automated patron initiated requesting system in 1994. This was quickly followed by the purchasing of centrally shared electronic collections of both e-journals and e-books. The depository system was built within this same time frame specifically to provide off campus storage facilities so space in libraries could be freed up for other services and collections. Those depositories are now nearly full.

This task force will look at the future of print in Ohio, how it is being impacted by a growing collection of electronic resources, and make some predictions to how print should be managed in this future as part of a whole of state-wide collections.

Questions?

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