

Charge: Shared Print Program Agreements and Practices Working Group

Parent Committee: Library Deans/ULs Shared Print Committee

Background / Purpose:

The Working Group advances the commitment expressed in the February 2023 [Principles of Engagement Among the Libraries of the Big Ten Academic Alliance](#).

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Principal 2: All BTAA libraries agree to participate fully in the BIG Collection, including:

- Making bibliographic and metadata records available
- Planning coordinated collections, delivery, preservation, and access
- Contributing staff time and energy to emerging and existing projects
- Supporting and using central services as they are developed
- Being part of the governance, evaluation and oversight structures developed
- Providing funding to support the services and projects
- Participating in cooperative agreements that may emerge, as needed, to support the core infrastructure (bibliographic access, delivery, and collections)....

The current focus of the Big Ten's print collection strategy is the development of a shared print program rooted in the previous decade of shared print repository projects, scaling to encompass a new distributed shared collection, and supported by evolving systems of trust.

Charge:

The Working Group will recommend the initial agreements that will define expectations for retention, persistence and access actions by member libraries for items committed to the BTAA Shared Print Program. These first agreements should be understood as a starting point in an ongoing, iterative process of scaling and enhancing the Program.

The following parameters have already been articulated in various meetings of the BTAA Library Deans/ULs and the Big Collection Steering Committee

1. Expand the corpus from serials into serials and monographs

2. Adopt a distributed and federated shared collections strategy. Specifically, distributed, to mean “spread out” and federated to mean separate entities joined together for a common purpose.
3. Preservation and access are both important.
4. Those who are building/have collections storage facilities should adopt a “both/and” mindset -- important for both local and BTAA Big Collection.
5. Involve working groups from the talent that exists across the BTAA in support of establishing next steps, processes, fees, and data gathering.

The commitments should focus initially on monographs and serials in closed-stacks environments.

The activity of the Working Group will be:

- Create a common language/taxonomy for agreements defining and enhancing the BTAA Shared Print Collection as it scales to incorporate the physical holdings of the BTAA, beginning with monographs and serials, into a distributed and federated collection.
- Informed by analyses of the collective collection of the BTAA member libraries conducted jointly with the Gold Rush Implementation and Analysis Working Group, define the shared policies and operational agreements (services, workflows, infrastructure, etc.) that apply to items that are part of the shared print repository.
- Explore existing and developing community shared print practices .
- Gather input from key stakeholders during the development of proposed policies and agreements and present recommendations to the Shared Print Program Deans’ Group.
- Develop a shared practice for recording print commitments to indicate “part of BTAA shared collection” in individual holdings
- Develop a shared practice for recording additional commitments relating to persistence and access to shared print items in a joint, transparent registry for the purposes of using in the Shared Print Program

Some key areas the working group should address include the appropriate circulation status(es) and any other fulfillment agreements; the appropriateness of time-limited retention commitments; expectations for documenting preservation actions etc.; any proxies for validation; et al.

Outcomes and Deliverables:

- A report defining common language for agreements, policies, and aligned workflows, recommendations for initial shared policies and operational agreements for the shared collection.
- A proposed shared practice for recording print retention commitments and other commitments related to persistence and access to items contributed to the shared collection.
- Any emerging recommendations based on collective learning through the group’s work relating to the BTAA Shared Print Program, member practices, et al.

- A recommendation for ongoing development and review of the BTAA's shared print agreements and practices.

Timeline:

The group is asked to recommend key policies and needed elements for agreements by February 2023.

Membership:

Nominated by Deans/ULs and approved by SPP Deans Group

- BTAA Dean/UL Liaison
- Chair drawn from members
- 6-8 members drawn from collection strategy roles and others with relevant expertise after seeking nominations from Deans including. Relevant expertise includes preservation, metadata, access services, and IT systems supporting print collection discovery and access (members will act as liaisons to their peer groups).
- Karla Strieb (BTAA) - Staff to committee

Key Partners (Peer Groups and related Pilots)

- Collection Development Officers
- Heads of Cataloging Community of Practice
- ILL Coordinators Peer Group
- Access Services Interest Group
- Preservation Officers Community of Practice
- Digital Strategies and Technology Services Peer Group
- SCSB Test Install Pilot