

Handout:

Building Shared Print Collections: Insights from the Big Ten Academic Alliance

Abstract:

The Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) has made significant strides in expanding its Shared Print Collection to include distributed monographic collections held by member libraries. This presentation will delve into the learnings and experiences of BTAA research libraries as they navigate this expansion and the opportunities ahead for shared collection building and enhanced access and stewardship. A key focus will be on the effects of implementing the comprehensive Collection Analysis Tool, which aggregates the full holdings of member libraries and is accessible to all employees within the alliance. The Collection Analysis Tool has revolutionized how member libraries understand and manage their print collections, providing valuable insights into how individual collections relate to the broader community collection. This tool supports strategic decision-making and fosters a collaborative approach to collection management. Attendees will gain an understanding of the foundational principles and practical applications of building shared print collections, as well as the benefits and challenges encountered by the BTAA. The session will also highlight the importance of collective action and sustainability in managing print collections. By attending this session, participants will leave with actionable strategies for implementing shared print collections in their own institutions and a deeper appreciation for the power of collaborative tools in enhancing collection management.

Resources:

Visit the BTAA website: <https://btaa.org/library/programs-and-services/shared-print-program> to learn more about the Shared Print Program.

New Backgrounder White Paper: Building the Future of Collective Stewardship: The Big Ten Shared Print Collection (Dec 4 2024): <https://btaa.org/docs/default-source/library/final-shared-print-collection-white-paper.pdf>

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