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Washington Research Library Consortium
Newsletter

March 20, 2014

2014 WRLC Annual Meeting

George Washington University hosted the WRLC Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. One hundred fifty seven librarians and library staff enjoyed a box lunch, great conversation with their colleagues and got an update on our initiatives for the year. Rick Lugg from Sustainable Collections Services reported on the first results of the analysis of the WRLC collections they are conducting. The analysis will provide data that we can use to strategically manage the future of our print collections. Six breakout sessions provided attendees the opportunity to learn about success stories from the partner universities or to discuss, in greater detail, our initiatives.

Steve Lerman Recognizes Don Myer's Contributions to the WRLC

Steve Lerman, Provost at George Washington University and current Chair of the WRLC Board of Directors, welcomed everyone to GW and spoke about the critical role that the WRLC plays in expanding the opportunities for learning and scholarship by enabling access to shared information resources, services and expertise. He stated that even though the nine partner universities compete on many levels, the collaborations among the libraries are beneficial to all the partners.

Steve went on to note the recent passing of Don Myers, Chief Financial Officer at American University and long-time Treasurer and a Director on the Board of the WRLC. Don was a great proponent of the Consortium and its advantages. He had the vision to see that that by acting collectively, we would greatly enrich scholarly resources available to our individual academic communities. Don's work, going back to the founding of the WRLC, brought us to where we are today. The WRLC Board of Directors adopted the following resolution of Appreciation and Recognition in January acknowledging Don Myer's many contributions.

Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition

WHEREAS, Donald L. Myers had an extraordinary career at American University that lasted four decades, including 32 years as its chief financial officer during the administrations of six presidents; and

WHEREAS, his legacy includes building the university's long-term financial health and developing the services necessary to support American University's academic programs and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, in that role he helped create the Washington Research Library Consortium, enabling the success of learning and scholarship by providing cost-effective access to shared information resources, services and expertise; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to be the Treasurer of the Washington Research Library Consortium in September 1989 and served in that position for 15 years, during which was realized the WRLC Headquarters in Upper Marlboro, MD in 1993, and the establishment of the technology infrastructure to facilitate the sharing of resources among the Consortium libraries; and

WHEREAS, he returned to the Washington Research Library Consortium Board of Directors and its Finance Committee in 2008, representing the interests of American University and the Consortium for an additional six years, during which time the first expansion of the Shared Collections Facility was completed and the second expansion was planned; and

WHEREAS, he conceived and negotiated the major governance changes that reconstituted the Board and crafted the creative financial arrangement that enabled the expansion of the Shared Collections Facility, thus contributing to the Washington Research Library Consortium's growth and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, he provided invaluable guidance to the Executive Director and thoughtful counsel to the Board of Directors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington Research Library Consortium Board of Directors celebrates and commends Mr. Donald L. Myers for his commitment and contributions to the Consortium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Washington Research Library Consortium Board of Directors extends its condolences to his family, friends and colleagues and expresses

its appreciation and gratitude for his many gifts.

The WRLC is a Partnership

Steve Connaghan, as the current Chair of the Library Directors Council, welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting on behalf of the LDC. He commented that:

> "*If any library wants to go far and excel at a truly national level–or even succeed in their missions to their home institutions–they need to do it through partnerships. Libraries are necessarily turning to deeper collaboration these days. Our strong history within the WRLC sharing print collections, especially our shared collection facility which physically binds our libraries together, will anchor our on-going collaboration in other arenas.*
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> *I still hear some folks talk about the WRLC as a membership or otherwise talk as if the WRLC is just the staff in Upper Marlboro. I'd really like everyone here to transition to thinking of the WRLC as a partnership. Reflect on the fact that no matter what work you do in your library–whether filling CLS requests, contributing catalog records, or instructing students on the full range of resources available to them–you are as integral to the work of the WRLC partnership as the staff in Upper Marlboro.*"

Update on Initiatives

Expand the Shared Collections Facility

It took nearly 15 years to fill the first Collections Facility module. The second module is expected to be filled by the end of this year, only five years after it opened. Fortunately, construction of the third Shared Collections Facility module commenced March 10 and we expect to be able to begin using the expanded facility by December 2014.

- Mark Jacobs, WRLC

Create a Highly Usable and Intuitive Intranet

Last year at the Annual Meeting we unveiled a revamped and revitalized website. Taking the next step, we will release a new Intranet in April designed to facilitate the activities, initiatives and communication among and within the Consortium. Watch for the announcement in the April issue of the WRLC Newsletter.

- Joel Shields, WRLC

Evaluate Library Services Platforms/Next Generation Systems

Our current integrated library systems are built on outdated technologies (the best technology of the 20th century!) but until recently, modern alternatives were not available. This situation has now begun to change. The Next Gen task force, with representatives from all WRLC partners, has recently received responses to its request for information from:

- Alma from Ex Libris
- Intota from Proquest (formerly Serials Solutions)
- OLE (Open Library Environment) from the Kuali Foundation
- Sierra from Innovative Interface
- WorldShare Management System from OCLC

Demonstrations of the systems will be scheduled for Spring 2014, allowing for the collection and analysis of responses from library staff during the summer. A recommendation to the Library Directors Council is expected in August 2014. Watch for announcements about the demonstrations and request for your feedback in upcoming WRLC Newsletters.

- Bruce Hulse, WRLC

Developing a Shared Vision for Collections

During FY13 the Steering Committee received reports from numerous committees and task forces—including the Collaborative Collections Committee, the Digital Practices Committee and the Preservation Advisory Committee—that their work was hindered because the Consortium does not have a clearly articulated strategic vision for collections. This became a central theme of the WRLC planning retreat in June 2013 from which an initiative to "Develop a shared vision and framework for coordinated/collaborative collections" emerged.

The Shared Collections Vision Task Force has interviewed the leadership of ten other library consortiums, conducted a literature review, completed a SWOT analysis and discussed our assumptions and values. A final report will be reviewed by the Library Directors Council in April.

The Task Force has learned that:

- We are not alone! Increased coordination of collections is a hot topic among other consortia: every consortium with whom we spoke is addressing it. "You are where we are."
- Electronic and Print each present unique challenges
- The WRLC has a head start when compared to others. Our close proximity, long history of collaboration, shared collections facility and existing systems and agreements for sharing put us ahead of others.

Some possibilities that we will be considering include:

- Shared approval plan for print where the shared copy resides in the Shared Collections Facility
- Demand Driven Acquisition (DDA) of e-books by creating a central fund to use for consortial e-book

purchases
- Negotiate ILL rights for e-resources to facilitate sharing
- Explore new affiliations for print retention
- Create consortial collection development agreements to coordinate last copy policies, subject area focus or electronic vs. print.
- Participate in national preservation efforts (e.g., LOCKSS, Hathi Trust and Portico) for our own benefit and to ensure we are doing our part in the national landscape

- Sarah Hamrick, Gallaudet University and Gwendolyn Reece, American University

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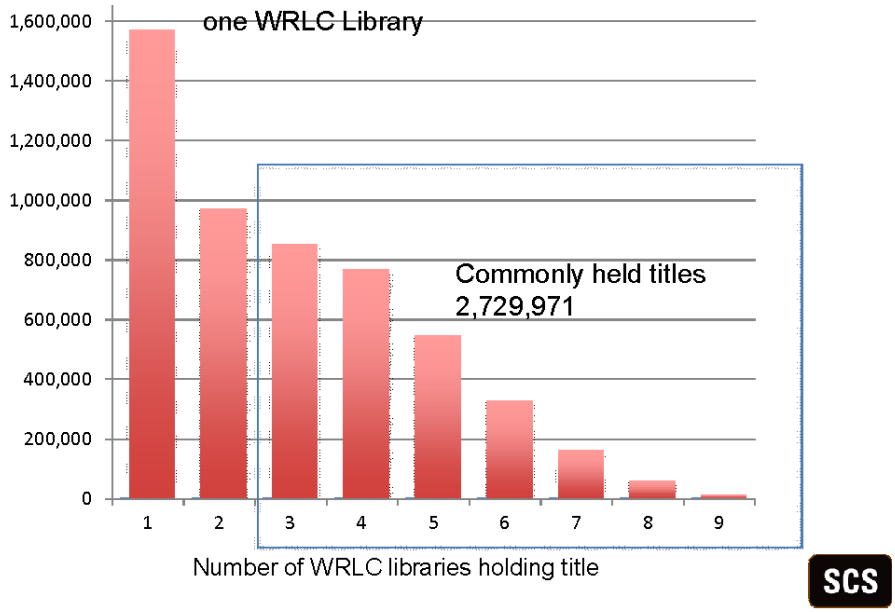
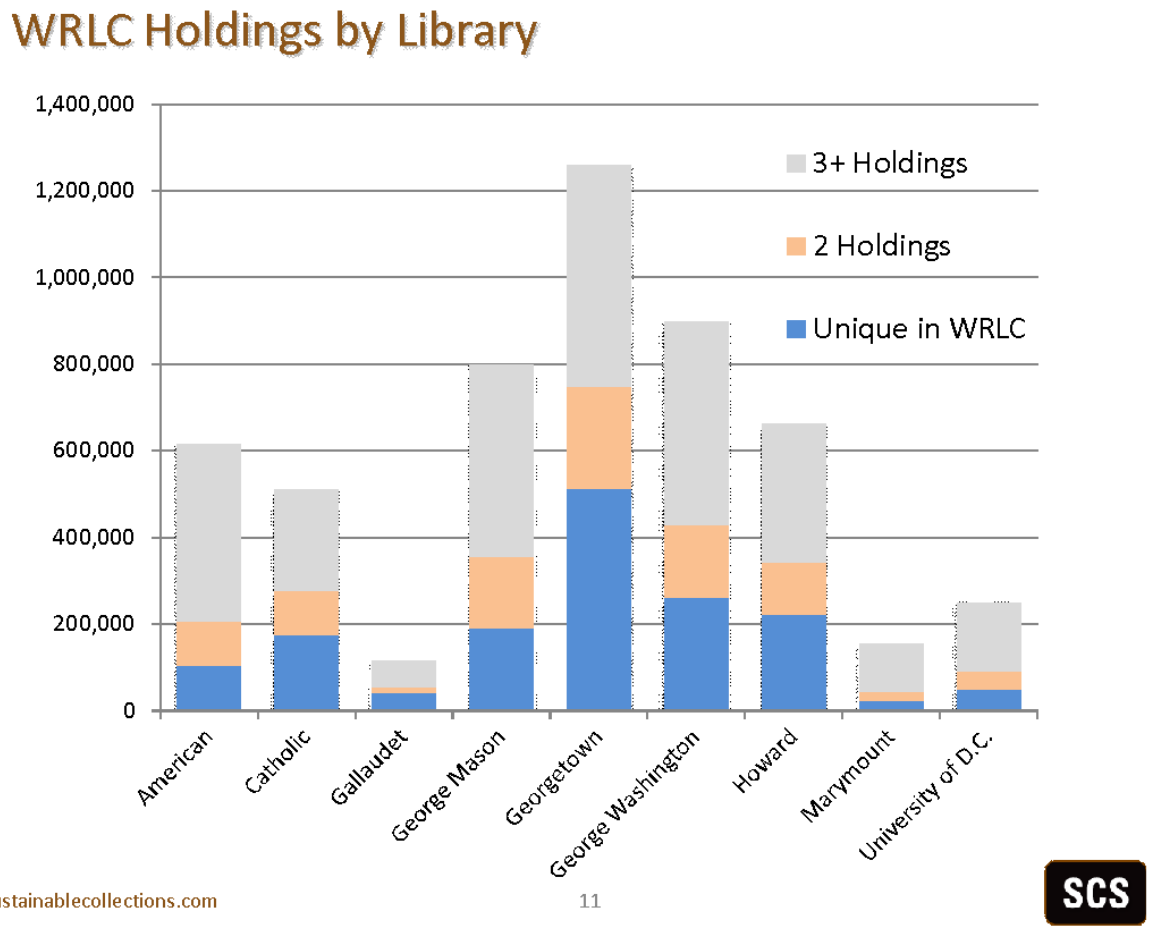
WRLC's Collective Collection

Our plenary speaker was Rick Lugg from Sustainable Collection Services (SCS). We have engaged SCS to perform an analysis of the WRLC's collective collections to allow us to better manage our collections through data driven decisions. Attendees found his presentation to be timely, and especially useful and informative. The full PowerPoint is available here.

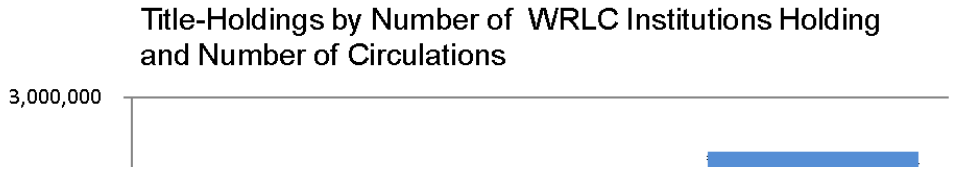
Data files for the 5.3 million bibliographic records representing the WRLC's circulating and reference monographs were delivered for analysis. Highlights of the first results include:

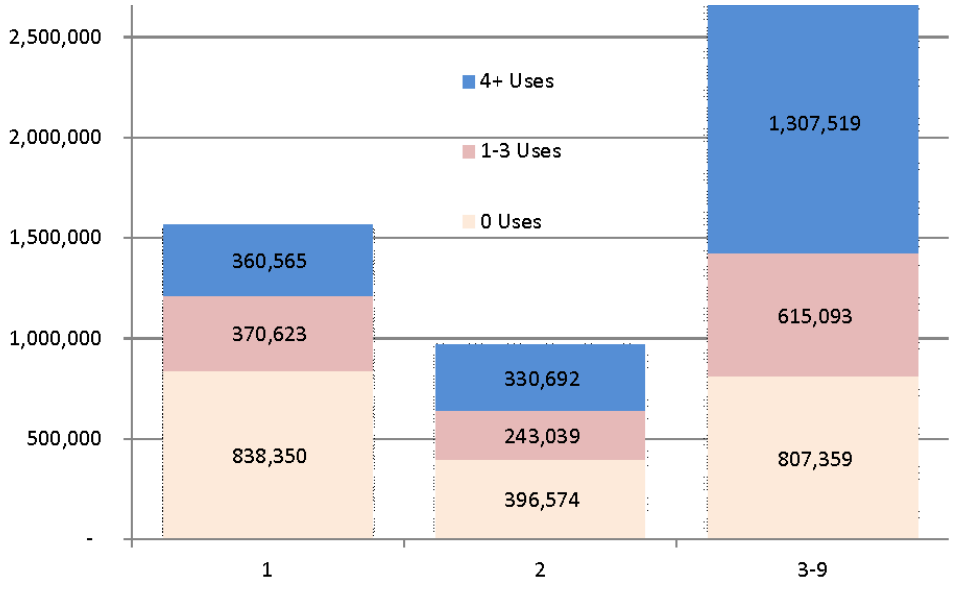
- The WRLC libraries hold 73,000 titles which have no other listings in OCLC'sWorldCat, making them, effectively, the only copies available to scholars and students.
- The WRLC libraries hold 278,000 titles which are held by fewer than ten libraries in WorldCat. These rarely held materials will likely be candidates for retention to ensure their availability to the scholarly community.
- Of the 5.3 million titles held by the WRLC libraries, 1.6 million are held by only one library. An additional million titles are held by no more than two WRLC libraries. This means half of the titles in our shared collections are held at or below the level envisioned in our Shared Copy Policy.





- 2.7 million titles are held by three or more libraries. Using our circulation data, we will be able to make decisions about the number of copies needed to meet the likely demand for these titles.





- 1,435 titles are held by all nine WRLC libraries. Rick Lugg shared a list of those that have circulated the most times. It looks like we are a pretty serious group of universities with a strong interest in public policy and government!

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Title/Author	Pub Year	WRLC Total Charges
Essence of decision; explaining the Cuban missile crisis / Graham T.	1971	1,744

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Globalization and its discontents / Joseph E. Stiglitz.	2002	1,222
White House years / Henry Kissinger.	1979	1,061
Memoirs / Harry S. Truman.	1955	1,020
The bottom billion : why the poorest countries are failing and what can be done about it / Paul Collier.	2007	974
Man, the state, and war : a theoretical analysis / by Kenneth N. Waltz.	1954	925
Anarchy, state, and utopia / Robert Nozick.	1974	845
The end of poverty : economic possibilities for our time / Jeffrey D. Sachs.	2005	817
The secret city : a history of race relations in the Nation's Capital / by Constance McLaughlin Green.	1967	750
Metaphors we live by / George Lakoff and Mark Johnson.	1980	750

The meeting concluded with six, hour-long concurrent sessions that received good marks from the participants. Everyone was asked to share their thoughts on the whole event by filling out a short survey at the conclusion. The comments will be used to plan and enhance our next meeting, as well as other future WRLC events.

Thank you to all who participated!

Consortial Copyright Webinar

WRLC has been collaborating with the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, the Boston Library Consortium, CIC Center for Library Initiatives, the California Digital Library, the Greater Western Library Alliance and the Triangle Research Libraries Network to present a series of webinars focusing on copyright and fair use issues. WRLC's contribution to this widely advertised series was "*Fair Use Without Fear in the Academy*" presented by fair use experts Peter Jaszi and Brandon Butler, from American University's Washington School of Law. The webinars are recorded for later playback for anyone unable to attend the 'live' session.

"Fair Use Without Fear in the Academy"
February 18, 2014

Session Recording | Speakers' PPT

Event: CALD Annual Spring Meeting and Program

Friday, April 4, 2014, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Loyola University Maryland – Columbia Campus

Flipping Collection Development:From Stand-alone to Collaborative
Keynote Speaker: Doug Way

Library collections and access to them have changed dramatically in the past two decades. Users' behavioral patterns and preferences, new thinking about use of space in library facilities, and the perpetual need to sustain access to the cultural heritage in library collections have been catalysts for innovative thinking about legacy print collections. Come to the CALD annual meeting and program to explore opportunities to flip collection management in Maryland's academic libraries and learn about the roles all of our libraries can play.

Keynote speaker Doug Way is Associate University Librarian for Collections and Research Services at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He will speak on Better Together: Collaboration, Coordination and the Future of Academic Library Collections. He previously served as Head of Collections and Scholarly Communications at Grand Valley State University, in Allendale, Michigan. He has written and spoken extensively on the use of academic library collections, collection management, shared print programs, and scholarly communications.

9:00 – 9:45 Registration and continental breakfast
9:50 – 3:00 Program, lunch with business meeting included, lightning round presentations, break-out groups

Location: Loyola University Maryland Graduate Center - Columbia Campus
8890 McGaw Road, Columbia, MD 21045 (free parking)

Directions: http://www.loyola.edu/department/columbia/about/location-hours.aspx

Registration

Paid CALD members (i.e. , Directors or their designee) receive one registration at $45.00. Additional registrations from the same institution are $95.00/person.

Registration deadline: March 28, 2014

Register online at: https://www.mdlib.org/forms/caldreg.asp

Submit a separate form for each registrant, please. Once you submit the form, you will receive

acknowledgement that your payment has been received. If you need a receipt from CALD, please contact Cindy Steinhoff at cksteinhoff@aacc.edu. Please note that the transaction on your credit card statement will list MLA as the merchant, not CALD.

Register via mail by completing this form: http://www.caldmd.org/CALDAnnualInvitation2014.docx

Please return the completed registration form and payment so it will arrive by **Friday, March 28th** to:

Cindy Steinhoff, CALD Treasurer

516 Stockbridge Court
Severna Park, MD 21146

Questions about payments? Contact CALD Treasurer Cindy Steinhoff at cksteinhoff@aacc.edu or 410-777-2483.

Event: Seminar on University Press Book and Journal Article Publishing

Tuesday, May 20, 2014
Georgetown University

Learn how to get published by a university press or an academic journal. The WRLC is participating in sponsoring a one-day scholarly publishing seminar to be held on Tuesday, May 20 at Georgetown University. The event is intended for scholars from universities, research libraries, think tanks, and museums who want to publish with university presses and in peer-reviewed journals. You will meet university press and journal editors who will discuss what they publish and answer questions about best practices. Editors from Johns Hopkins, Georgetown, Yale, Catholic University, Palgrave Macmillan, and many other presses will participate.

Participants from the WRLC are invited to enjoy a significant discount. Just remember to put "WRLC" in the registration comments to receive your discounted price. A detailed schedule will be available soon. You may pre-register if you want to guarantee admission at: https://www.facebook.com/events/423430081136373/

Event: Regional Print Management Symposium; Right-Scaling Solutions

Start: Thursday, March 27, 2014 12:00 PM
End: Friday, March 28, 2014 2:00 PM

Info at: http://oclc.org/research/news/2014/03-18.html

OCLC Research, the CIC and The Ohio State University Libraries are hosting a symposium March 27-28, 2014 to broaden community conversation about regional print management strategies. Library managers, collection development officers, and consortium administrators are invited and encouraged to participate.

Those who are unable to attend this symposium in person are invited to participate live online. View the live stream and share your comments or questions via twitter with #regionalprint or via online chat. Make the experience more social by inviting colleagues to watch the event and participate remotely with you. They will address your questions and comments live during the discussion portions of symposium.

All who plan to view the event online are encouraged to register to view the live stream. Registration is free and optional, but it allows us to contact you if there should be any technical issues during the symposium.

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