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Ensuring the Retention of Print Books

We are currently involved in two exciting shared print retention programs. These kinds of programs work to ensure that libraries retain enough circulating copies of print books to support...
of circulating print copies of titles currently available in the HathiTrust digital collection. Through this pilot we have committed to retain approximately 3,700 titles for 25 years. The second project we are involved in is the Minnesota-based CALD Shared Print Pilot, funded by a Department of Education LSTA grant. Other institutions participating in this pilot are St. John’s/St Ben’s, Concordia College (Moorhead), St. Cloud State University, St. Catherine’s University, and Minneapolis College of Art and Design. The work of this group is just getting underway, and we look forward to sharing more with you in our next newsletter!

New Staff

We are pleased to introduce four new librarians who have joined us this semester. Marina Ito, a 2018 Master of Library Science graduate of Indiana University, is our new Research and Instruction Librarian. She is helping support our work by providing outreach and library support throughout the campus. Marina will be with us for four years to help bridge a time of high volume work in the library. In addition to us learning from Marina, we are ensuring that she gets to learn broadly about the variety of work we do in the library, to know Macalester, to meet a larger network of librarians, and to engage in numerous professional development opportunities. Please reach out and say hello—and recommend your favorite Minnesota spot for Marina to check out!

We also welcome Janis Shearer, Lyneshia Robinson, and Christina Buckles. They are all joining us in the capacity of Research Assistant and are helping us provide service desk research and reference support. They will be with us for this semester and then will move on to building their careers as librarians.

We welcome all of them to our library profession and to Macalester. We are grateful for their support. It has been a wonderful opportunity to add more voices, gifts, and talents to our work.

Trials!

Adam Matthew

As part of the Oberlin group of liberal arts college libraries, we are participating in a trial of Adam Matthew Explorer. AM Explorer is a single point of access that searches millions of pages of unique primary source content from their individual content sets. The collections cover the 15th - 21st centuries and include themes such as: Borders and Migrations, Gender and Sexuality, Global History, and War and Conflict.

- Trial period ends May 31, 2019.

Another Adam Matthew product we have a trial for is: Area Studies: India. This is part of their Research Source product and covers the British Indian Empire from 1712 to 1942. It includes rare printed works of colonial literature, volumes of travel writing from Indians traveling to the West, and weekly newspapers abstracts compiled by the India Office.

- Trial period ends April 16, 2019.
We also have a trial of HeinOnline. This database provides access to a wide array of legal, historical, and governmental resources. It includes comprehensive coverage of more than 2,600 law-related periodicals, the Congressional Record, Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, and complete coverage of U.S. Reports back to 1754. There is also information dedicated to treaties, constitutions, case law, world trials, classic treatises, international trade, foreign relations, and U.S. Presidents.

- Trial period ends September 27, 2019.

If you have any feedback on these trials please send comments to tburr@macalester.edu.

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**Acquisition Patterns of U.S. Libraries**

The DeWitt Wallace Library is one of 124 libraries that provided acquisitions data for the Mellon-funded Library Acquisitions Patterns (LAP) project. One of the main project goals was to examine book purchasing trends in US academic libraries. The project looked at the acquisition of both print and e-book content. Some of the trends that surfaced include a slow decline in the overall acquisition of print books, subscription expenses far exceeding expenditures on one-time purchase items (e.g. books), and variation in e-book expenditures from institution to institution. You may view the full report here.

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**Ron Joslin**

We want to thank the Macalester community for your outpouring of support as we learned of the death of our dear colleague, Ron Joslin. His presence continues to be felt in the library and we miss him greatly.

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**Library Goals**

Every January, the library staff participates in a two day planning process to talk about the future of libraries and brainstorm service, collection, and space priorities for the coming years. Our
annual goals are shaped by the ideas generated during that planning process. We are happy to share the **2019 Library Goals**. We look forward to sharing our accomplishments with you at the end of 2019.