

Federal Shared Print Repository Survey

Background: FEDLINK members are exploring options for establishing remote storage and improving cooperative collection management. FEDLINK has in place an interagency agreement with the National Archives for the storage of physical collections. The Library of Congress will be the first agency to begin making use of that option in FY2012. The items that LC will store are available in digital format in the HathiTrust (<http://www.hathitrust.org>) and the Internet Archive (<http://www.archive.org>).

Discussions among FEDLINK members about how to build on these two first steps led to the need for this survey. One goal is to measure the level of interest in the project and identify more participants for some pilot projects.

One project will seek to measure the overlap among some sample collections of different types, e.g. law, earth sciences, and U.S. government publications. Differences in cataloging practices will affect the outcome of that project and future efforts to collocate holdings among collections, so some basic information about cataloging practices may be needed in the future.

Another project might involve better coordination of federal digitization activities. FEDLINK has established a federal digitization program in which many federal entities participate. The future of this or similar programs will have a significant impact on physical collections. Items that have been digitized may need to be retained for preservation purposes, but storing them off-site becomes a better option if a digital surrogate is available for access. The FLICC Preservation Working Group has surveyed federal libraries to identify digital collections, but more participation in that effort is needed if we are to avoid costly duplication of efforts and improve our understanding of what types of materials might best be stored remotely by other federal libraries.

For questions or comments, please contact Lynn McDonald, lmcd@loc.gov or 202-707-4832.

FSPR - Question 1

1. Are you currently using an off-site storage facility?

- Yes
- No

FSPR - Question 2

2. Please provide a brief description of the facility and materials:

FSPR - Question 3

3. Would you be interested in coordinating off-site storage with other federal agencies?

- Yes
- Yes, but only if it were at no cost to my agency.
- I would only store items that were digitized, and could make the digital surrogate available to other federal agencies.
- No

Other circumstances apply:

FSPR - Question 4

4. Please list the top 5 subject areas of your collection:

Subject Area 1:

Subject Area 2:

Subject Area 3:

Subject Area 4:

Subject Area 5:

FSPR - Question 5

5. Are you interested in coordinating federal digitization efforts?

- Yes
- Yes, but only if it were at no cost to my agency.
- No.

Other circumstances apply:

FSPR - Question 6

6. Please list the types of materials you would digitize:

FSPR - Question 7

7. Do you catalog your materials on OCLC?

- Yes
- No

FSPR - Question 8

8. Are there types of materials in your collection that you do NOT catalog using OCLC?

- Yes
- No

FSPR - Question 9

9. Please list them:

FSPR - Question 10

10. If you were to store materials off-site, either as part of a shared repository or only for your own agency's use, would the materials likely be:

- Print bound materials
- Unbound print materials (e.g. archival material, maps, etc.)
- Non-print, e.g. film, microformats, audio-visual materials

Other (please specify)

FSPR - Question 11

11. If you can estimate the amount of materials you might store off site in the next one to five years, please give an estimate in cubic feet for each material type.

FPRS - Question 12

***12. Please provide a contact for follow up by FEDLINK staff:**

Name:

Organization:

Phone:

Email:

FSPR - Thank you

Thank you for your time and attention to this survey.
We appreciate your participation.

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