COLLABORATIVE COLLECTION MANAGEMENT
SCURL’S EXPERIENCE
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SCURL Dimensions

- 26 member institutions representing Libraries in HE, Public, Research, and Special:
  - National Library of Scotland
  - National Museums Scotland
  - Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
  - Open University

- Mature consortium
- Member Subscription
- Constituencies
- Regular meeting cycle
- SCURL HQ view
Collaborative Print Retention Policy

• **Aim**: to ensure continued access to low-use print research material.

• **Recommendations**: that a copy should be retained within Scotland of Scottish material and of unique items.

• **Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity**: the Scottish Collection is distributed across many libraries.

• **Policy developed in 2010 and currently under review as stipulated in Strategic Plan 2014-2016.**

• **Agreement endorsed by National Librarian of Scotland, Scottish Library & Information Council, and Chair of SCURL**

• **Policy visible on each SCURL institution’s website.**
SCURL CCM Task & Finish Group or The SCURL Space Program

- 3 meetings with report to be submitted December 2015
- Representation from HE, public, and NLS.
- **Remit:**
  * Review policy
  * Develop framework
  * Consider discard policy
  * Identify redundant workflows

**Recommendations**
- Consider refusing gifts/donations if unaccompanied by a “dowry”
- CBA of resource to weed, de-dupe & dispose
- CBA of store rental
- CBA of moving stock
- UKRR must link to SCP
Established 2004-2009
Drivers: space constraints (library refurbs, new builds, and arrival of econtent)
2001 cost to build an independent store £540k
NLS offered 6k metres at £10.00 + vat per metre
Document delivery service
242 journal overlap titles occupying 273 metres of 5.4% of total holdings
Uplift & repatriation of 4640 metres £8k to £17k
Repatriation of CASS (Landfill/Pulp)
2012: Audit of Institutional Coverage

- SHEDL Targets needing to be identified
  - Initially produced a list of common packages
  - Circulated and enhanced to represent wide coverage
  - Utilised for a number of years
  - Now requires updating

- Lessons Learned.
  - Willingness to share (public) information in structured fashion useful
  - May expose novel resources and inconsistent pricing
  - Need a better method of collaborating online and recording information
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2013: Devolved Publisher Expert Leads

- SHEDL a Collaboration of Individuals
  - Publisher packages and contracts are complicated
  - SHEDL partners each looks after one or two publishers
  - Develop group expertise by discipline / publisher / reseller

- Lessons Learned.
  - Ensures trust and collaboration
  - Professional development of sales, negotiation, contract skills
  - Provides a sustainable solution
  - Still needs glue of central meetings & office
2015: Single payment/discount benefit

- SHEDL Renewals January 2015
- 15 publishers
- Institutional payments to JISC Collections ranging from £300
- 4 currencies (£, $, Euro, Swiss franc)
- Agreed to repeat for 2016 content

Lessons Learned.
- Restrict to one currency
- Currency exchange rate fluctuation
- Additional costs due to publisher’s expanded content
- Non-renewal of one contract represented refunds
- Saved late payments but complicated
SCURL / SHEDL Summary

- Plenty of opportunity for collaboration
- Collaborating frequently enhanced opportunities
- Trust is central – meet often
- Once gained, trust and cooperation is straightforward to reinforce