Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Impacts of Collaborative Print Collections on Local Library Services and Operations

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What is FLARE now?

- State Universities and the University of Miami
  - Open to other private colleges/universities and state colleges in Florida through last copy policies
- Administered by UF for the other institutions
- Statewide storage facility
- Single copy, all formats
- No assigned space/limits on transfers
- Digital delivery preferred, in-building use if physical item loaned
What is FLARE now?

- Currently two facilities
  - Interim Library Facility (ILF) and Auxiliary Library Facility (ALF)
- Mix of storage by subject & size
  - Modified high-density in both buildings
- Utilizes Generation Fifth software to accession by size
- Separate OCLC symbol (FLARE)
  - Provide monographs via UBorrow to SUS/FCS patrons
  - Provide copies, monographs to via ILL
  - Separate catalog
What will FLARE be?

- 50 degrees/35% humidity
- 35’ tall, high bay shelving
- REQUEST
  - Total project budget: $26.7M
    - Prior funding: 2010-2011 $2M
    - Current Request: 2015-2016 $18M
    - Remaining Need: 2016-2017 $6.7M
  - “Shovel Ready”
  - 18-24 month project
What will FLARE be?
Return on Investment (ROI)

- De-duplication of holdings to free up space in campus libraries
  - Example: UF’s Science Library emptied one floor of low-use materials, with 26,000 square feet of valuable space converted to student-study space that serves over 700 students. This has been a top priority for students.
  - Example: FAU is currently weeding its print journals based on volumes in the shared collection to provide for additional seating space for students.

- This project creates opportunities for removal of low circulation books and journals from all SUS libraries while ensuring continued access through the Statewide Library Ground Delivery Service.
Unique Elements of FLARE

- Last Copy policies
  - Monographs
  - Gov Docs
- Single copy policies
- Conservation lab/services for all participants
- Shrink wrap binding for loose and deteriorated
- Journal Retention and Needs Listing Software (JRNLS)
Collaborative Models Under Discussion

- Collaborative electronic/print purchase for the State University System (SUS)
  - E-access for all SUS libraries
  - Print copy deposited directly to FLARE, copy of last resort
- Gov Docs
  - UF Regional Depository collection added to FLARE
  - Serves all of Florida, the US Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico
  - New materials ingested directly to FLARE
- Hathi Trust
  - Items that are brittle or damaged held in FLARE, digital copy available to participants
- Depositing and loaning Special Collections material for state-wide use
Expanding the Partnership

- Expand to Florida College System and ICUF Institutions
- External partnerships
  - ASERL/WEST/WRLC: Scholars Trust/JRNL
  - GPO/ Depository Libraries: Regional Depository collection in FLARE
  - Impact of Hathi Trust agreement on FLARE and SUS
Questions/Discussion

Thanks for your time!

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Links of Interest

• FLARE Homepage: http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/flare/Index.aspx
• CSUL Shared Storage Task Force: http://csul.net/node/774
• JRNL information: http://apps.uflib.ufl.edu/JRNL/ and http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/c.php?g=147804&p=966721