



## Building a Shared Print Network in New England and Beyond, April 8, 2016

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Nine institutions in Maine came together to form the Maine Shared Collections Strategy (MSCS), a collaborative effort to manage legacy print collections. The work of MSCS was supported by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Since the grant ended we have been working with libraries across Maine on analyzing their print collections and now have thirty plus members.

We hope that other libraries will learn from our experiences in developing their own shared print networks. Although we would do some things differently (if we had the chance), this project has proven that diverse partners can work together in cooperative collection development.

### MSCS Partners

- University of Maine
- University of Southern Maine
- Bangor Public Library
- Portland Public Library
- Maine State Library
- Colby College Libraries
- Bowdoin College Library
- Bates College Library
- Maine InfoNet

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### Project Websites

To see the presentation slides: <http://www.maineinfonet.net/mscs/about/presentations/>

For more information about Maine Shared Collections see our website: <http://www.maineinfonet.org/mscs/> and follow us on Twitter @MESharedColls

### Topic Covered in Presentation

- Project background
- Agreeing the project scope
- On-demand services
- Data informed approach to retention decisions
- Cleaning and wrangling collection data
- Vendor support
- Presenting data for analysis
- Developing retention criteria
- Fine-tuning retention commitments
- Deciding how many holdings/copies to retain across the group
- Allocating retention responsibilities
- Terms & conditions of retention commitments
- Disclosing retention decisions in catalogs
- Ensuring sustainability