Cooperative Work and the “New Normal”

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Today’s discussion

What we learned in the pandemic
Building a collection for future access
Pressuring cooperative work
The “new normal” and the longer time scale
Mission and Vision

Mission

HathiTrust contributes to research, scholarship, and the common good by collaboratively collecting, organizing, preserving, communicating, and sharing the record of human knowledge.

Vision

HathiTrust will be a vital catalyst for emerging forms of research, teaching, and learning that engage the scholarly and cultural record.
What we re-learned in the pandemic

The “legacy collection” still matters a lot.

Long-term collective preservation work matters.

Digital access to the past record of scholarship remains fragmented and incomplete, and that matters too.
Average title overlap 45.6%
Median title overlap 47.3%
Greatest title overlap 59.2%
Least title overlap 22.9%
Total title overlap (all libraries) 43.6%
Subjects of HathiTrust books

- General Works
- Philosophy, Psychology, Religion
- Auxiliary Sciences of History
- World History and History of
- History of America
- History of the Americas
- Geography, Anthropology, and
- Social Sciences
- Political Science
- Law
- Education
- Music
- Fine Arts
- Language and Literature
- Science
- Medicine
- Agriculture
- Technology
- Military Science
- Naval Science
- Bibliography, Library Science, and

Number of titles range from 0 to 1,250,000.
Language Distribution of All Works in HathiTrust

- English: 51.0%
- Other: 467 works
- Italian: 12.4%
- Japanese: 2.6%
- Chinese: 2.6%
- Russian: 3.0%
- Spanish: 3.3%
- French: 6.6%
- German: 8.6%
Sources of digitization in the HathiTrust collection

- Google: 95%
- Internet Archive: 4%
- Library digitization: 2%
Mass Book Digitization: Volumes Scanned since c. 2000

- Estimated 40-45%
- Estimated 55-60%

**excluding paywalled publisher products**

- Volumes Deposited in HathiTrust
- Volumes NOT deposited in HathiTrust
HathiTrust’s Collection Principles

Understand how structural racism and other inequities are manifested in our collection and commit to addressing racism and other inequities as we grow, assess, and provide access to HathiTrust’s collection.

Orient our shared digital collection toward establishing a more just society and toward resilience in response to changing economic, social, and environmental conditions...

Include a **full spectrum of voices and perspectives**

Prioritize and encourage the inclusion of **locally-digitized and collaboratively digitized collections**

Directly **support scholarship and continuation of access to local library print materials** related to courses and research, especially in emergency situations

Comprehensively include **U.S. federal documents**, and broaden our government documents focus to include U.S. State and potentially international government documents
Collection Principles continued

Continue to position libraries and users to benefit from economies of scale by aggregating the products of mass digitization from libraries in the United States and worldwide, as comprehensively as possible.

Collection analysis and quality assessment are at the heart of our ability to improve and augment our shared digital collection.

HathiTrust’s collecting scope will expand to include born-digital publications including scholarly publications and U.S. federal government publications.
Un Non Cooperative work
Most four-year institutions exhibit multiple tendencies; they have several lines of business.

From “University Futures, Library Futures: Aligning library strategies with institutional directions”
The HathiTrust Collection

- Analytics and TDM
- Shared Print Programs
- Discovery & Access
- Rights Management
- Preservation
Sea level to rise one foot along U.S. coastlines by 2050, government report finds

‘There will be water in the streets,’ said the nation’s top sea level scientist

By Sarah Kaplan and Brady Dennis
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Even if the world takes swift action to curb carbon emissions, he said, the trajectory for sea level rise “is more or less set over the next 30 years.”

Kristina Dahl, a principal climate scientist with the Union of Concerned Scientists, said research she and colleagues have done suggest that 10 to 12 inches of sea level rise by 2050 would put roughly 140,000 homes at risk of “chronic inundation,” or flooding every other week on average.
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