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Deselecting print collections in MU Library

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Outline

• Introduction
• Collection Preparation Project
• Methodology
• Statistics
• Noted for next time
• Future
• Additional resources & reading
Introduction

MU

- One campus - two institutions
- Maynooth University
  - Arts, Celtic Studies & Philosophy
  - Science & Engineering
  - Social Sciences
- St. Patrick’s College Maynooth
  - Theology
- 9,751 student FTEs & 876 staff FTEs

Library

- Serves both institutions
- Collections date back to 1795
- Spread over 4 locations
- Electronic availability & print still expanding

- Reference
- Journals
- Official Publications
- European Documentation Centre
Collection Preparation Project (CPP)

• 2007/08 – 40% borrowed
• Dec 2008 – extension announced = catalyst
• May 2009 – project proposal approved
  – Core aim: currency and relevance
• Sept 2009 – Steering Committee; staff seconded
• May 2010 – survey: need to improve relevance of collections
• Pilot: Computer Science
• Sciences – Social Sciences - Humanities
Methodology – stages 1 & 2

1 - List generation

Research subject

Generate list

Review by Department

Assess in Library

Label

2 - Assessment
Criteria

- Relevance to curriculum
- Standard/seminal work
- Historical/archival interest
- Literary & artistic value
- Provenance
- MU/SPCM author
- Irish/Ireland related
- Local interest

- Candidate for Special Collections
- History of the collection
- Superseded edition
- Multiple copy
- Circulation data
- Physical condition

- Electronic availability
Methodology – stages 3a & 3b

3a - Record amendment
- Delete items
- Add 590 to records
- Hide record without items

3b - Removal
- Stamp withdrawn
- Box
- Transport
Next time

• Communication
• Preparation time
• Data
• Staffing

Further details

Murphy, Elizabeth (2013)
‘Assessing university print collections and deselection: A case study at the National University of Ireland Maynooth’

New Review of Academic Librarianship, 19 (2), 256-273
http://explore.tandfonline.com/content/bes/nral-ireland
Future

Commitment

• Collection Development Policy
• Strategic Plan 2016-2018
• New posts
• Role of Subject Librarian
• Resources
• CONUL – options for a shared storage facility

Areas we might focus on

• Subject Librarians
• Academic staff
• Specific courses
• Research areas
• Format
• Electronic availability
• Space constraints
External resources & services

• Choice Reviews Online
  http://www.choice_reviews.org/

• Resources for College Libraries
  http://proquest.rclweb.net/

• OCLC’s Sustainable Collection Services
  http://www.oclc.org/sustainable-collections.en.html
Further reading

• Hafner, Joseph and Diane Koen, eds (2016), *Space and Collections earning their keep: Transformation, Technologies, Retooling*, Berlin: De Gruyter, p.34.


Further reading


Thank you!

deselection = selection with data and evidence

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