

TRB-LIST Sub-Committee Preliminary Report on

# Cooperative Acquisition and Collection Development

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# Introduction

**Committee Charge:** to review the cooperative/coordinated acquisitions library literature, develop transportation-specific guidelines and/or requirements for a cooperative acquisition program, and recommend follow-on projects and/or programs thought necessary for the establishment of regional/national acquisition programs.

## Members:

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## Hurdles:

Getting committee members

Regular work/time issues

Committee meetings



# Why are we doing this?

Supporting TRB-SR 284

Long history of discussing topic

Need to start gathering data / Prepare to meet future needs

Cooperation not an option, but a necessity

Start educating management

Get librarians to start thinking/talking about this



# What do we expect to accomplish?

Review existing literature on co-operative acquisition/collection development models

Learn from their successes

Translate these to the transportation community



# What do we expect to accomplish?

Develop possible guidelines, models, options, etc, the transportation community would need to further study

Present report for follow on study

Committee will not provide a plan on how to do it



# Where are we now?

Completed review of large body of journal articles and books (some pending)

Created a bibliography

Gathering notes and questions

Attempting to discern patterns



# Some preliminary findings

## ■ Weak Central Management

- MTKN, Pool Fund (PF) management
- Volunteers
- Little or no funding
- Regional in scope (?)
- Perhaps limited success

## ■ Strong Central Management

- NTL
- Staff
- Funding (Maybe)
- National in scope
- Better chance of broader success



# Some preliminary findings

## Membership

All willing libraries allowed to participate

Only selected libraries invited to participate

## Agreements

Informal agreement

Formal agreement



# Some preliminary findings

## International angle

Divide world by geographic regions

Libraries acquire international publications under subject regardless of geography

Get ACQ lists of non-US libraries and use them to ACQ non-US materials

English Vs non-English language



# Some preliminary findings

Collection Development and Acquisitions a starting point - Envision:

Preservation

Virtual reference

Serials acquisition

E-Resources acquisition

Videos

“Last/only copy” disposition

Virtual BI

Cataloguing

Cooperative  
storage

Digitization  
projects

Central remote  
storage



# We will need

## Administrative structure

Management, planning,  
priorities,  
communications, etc

Discussions at the  
national/regional level

Funding for meetings and  
programs, etc

Incentives (?)

Subsidies to net lenders (?)

Written agreements (?)

Metrics and assessment  
tools

Research and testing

## Conspectus for participating libraries or for ALL transportation libraries

Web-based and maintained

## Collection development policy for participating libraries

Written by committee

Web-based

## Strong, viable ILL agreements

Reliable delivery mechanism

Full commitment to lend all  
types of materials



# We will need

OCLC participation  
World Cat/TLCat

Heavy communication  
program

Sustained PR/publicity  
campaign

Timely communications  
aimed at "users" and  
participating libraries

Strong "local/users" support

Heavy "user" involvement

(Re)New partnerships

Federal libraries

UTC's libraries

Corporate libraries

L-TAP libraries

Membership attributes

Emphasis on access over  
ownership

Willingness to participate

Flexibility and open mind



# Parts already in place

Conspectus → Some experience, partly used in MTKN library visits and development

ILL policies → MTKN a good model

TLCat Group Catalog → Solid foundation and experience

Administrative Structure → NTL experience with MTKN / PF experience / WTKN(?)

We have the MTKN and PF experience and laboratory for testing of ideas/programs



# Next steps

Complete literature review

Sub-committee to review and discuss findings

Develop broad models and requirements

Write report and presentation for TRB-08

Possible grant submission for in-depth follow on study and testing of principles



**THANK YOU!**

**QUESTIONS?**

