



Cooperative Print Management **in North America**

A Proposal
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“[The] library community should **aggregate the work** of existing mechanisms for print storage, de-duplication, and preservation, so that print repositories can more effectively contribute to a **system-wide withdrawals strategy.**”

Roger Schonfeld and Ross Housewright, “What to Withdraw: Print Collections Management in the Wake of Digitization”, Ithaka S+R, 2009, page 2.



CRL Proposal

The Center for Research Libraries (CRL) proposes to work with partner consortia to support emergence of a cooperative system for archiving print journals, newspapers, and government documents in North America

Consortial and CRL Strengths

Regional Consortia

- Long-term relationships with libraries in their regions
- Operational resource-sharing programs among members
- Groundswell of shared print programs underway (30+ in North America)

CRL

- Long-term focus on print preservation
- Over 250 libraries throughout North America, which are members of most consortia
- Network-level service deployment and administration

Components of Cooperative Print Management System

Agreements (MOUs)

- Selection and validation
- Retention period
- Archiving conditions
- Access/delivery provided

Holdings disclosure

- Archived materials, comparison to local library materials
- OCLC 583, Ulrichs Serials Analysis, digitizing metadata, custom-developed?

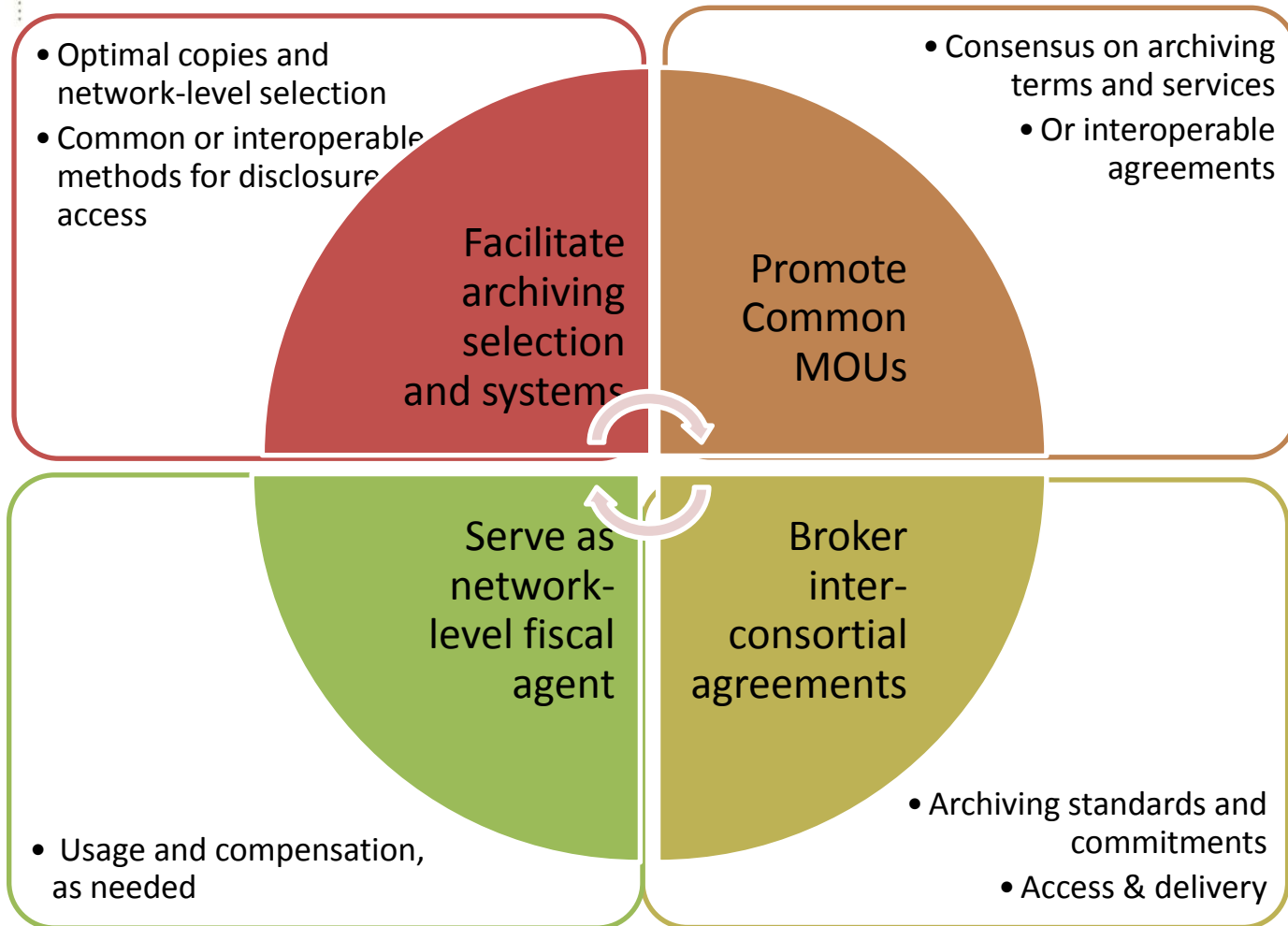
Access/delivery

- Policies
- ILL system(s): RAPID, OCLC, Relais, others

Business model

- Costs incurred by service providers
- Contributions by other participants
- Compensation: monetary and/or in-kind

CRL as Integrating Framework



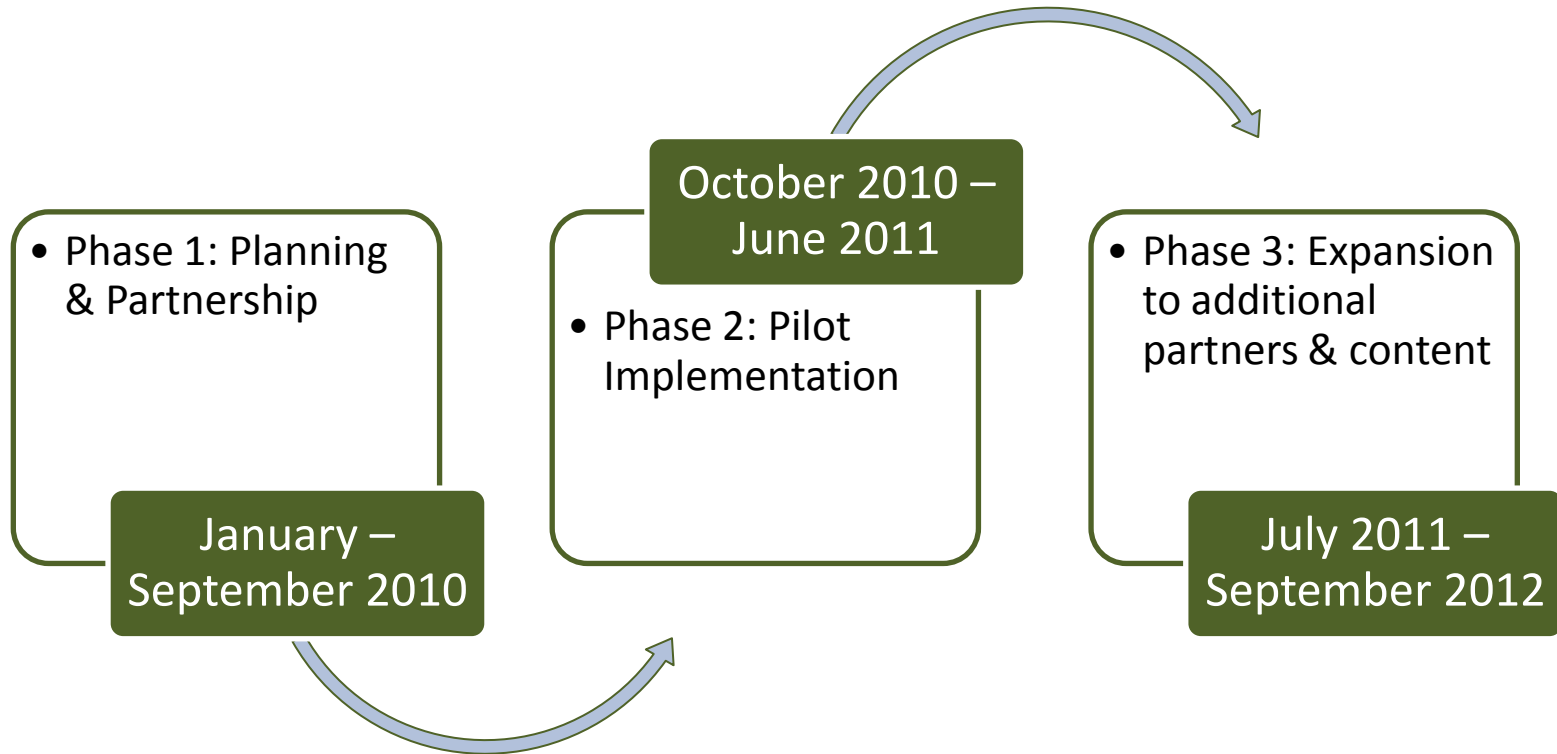
Guiding Principles

1. Aim for cost neutrality.
2. Take advantage of existing infrastructure whenever possible.
3. Support local/regional archives in favor of highly-centralized facilities.

Two Kinds of Archiving Activity

- Regional journal archiving projects
 - Typically by publisher or title overlap
 - Creates conditions for significant space savings
- Domain-based archiving and digitization programs
 - Positive identity, support for research and teaching
 - Could support systematic digital conversion to build additional scholarly resources
- CRL suggests pursuing both, two different value propositions

Proposed Project Phases



Phase 1: Planning and Partnership Development

January 2010 – September 2010

- Aggregate information about print archiving projects
(<http://www.crl.edu/archiving-preservation/print-archives/>)
- Identify network-level selection for archives, to create (optimal number of copies, or group national-level materials
- Explore common or interoperable MOUs, disclosure system(s), access/delivery system(s)
- Develop business model(s) recognizing both regional and national relationships, consortial and CRL activities
- Identify opportunities and advocate for external funding

Funding

- In Planning phase, contributed staff time and travel funds for one in-person meeting (probably ICOLC, Chicago, April)
- Identify meaningful actions which can be taken during implementation phases
 - 1) What can be done with available resources of CRL and consortial partners (self funding)?
 - 2) What can be done with new grant funds?
- Costs depend on level of infrastructure needed (aim for lightest weight) and business model (exchange of compensation, if any)

External Funding Possibilities

- CRL plans to seek additional support for this effort from the Mellon Foundation in 2010, seeks consortial partners for a joint submission
- CRL plans to submit a proposal to IMLS on 2/1/2010 to support domain-based archives of legal materials (with LLMC) and agriculture materials (with USAIN)

Draft Implementation Plan **(for discussion)**

Phase 2: Pilot Implementation (October 2010 – June 2011)

- Finalize MOUs and participation agreements
- Implement prototype systems for holdings disclosure/decision support and access/delivery

Phase 3: Expansion to additional partners and content (July 2011 – September 2012)

- Enroll additional participants and/or content
- Evaluate and report on conditions at participating archives
- Report on service activity (accessions and requests/delivery)

Goals for this meeting

- Discuss the initial project proposal within the consortial print archiving community
- Identify consortia interested in participating with CRL in Phase 1: Planning (January through September 2010)
 - Work with CRL on specific aspects of the plan, interfacing regional projects to national level
 - Monthly web meetings
 - One in-person meeting (probably ICOLC, Chicago, April)



Discussion, questions, comments, suggestions

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