**COLLECTION OVERVIEW**

**BHL collection numbers:**

* 40,031 titles
* 76,611 volumes
* 28,715,337 pages

**Collections Stats\***

* Monographs – 93% vs. Serials – 7%
* BHL member library contributed content – 62%
* Content ingested – 38%
* Languages:
  + English – 80%
  + German – 8%
  + French – 6%
  + Latin – 2%

~~(\*Stats based on latest BHL data export: 39,005 titles | 65,535 volumes)~~

**Harvest Rates**

* IA content harvested on a regular basis since Nov 2009

**Duplicates**

* **~~(7,670 titles of 39,005 ~20% appear more than 1 time)~~**
* **Count based on “short title” only**
* **Does not consider different editions**
* **Exact match only – titles with even a character difference b/w them are not identified**
* **Yes, this is a ROUGH estimate, but it provides us with a benchmark against which to reduce % of duplicates for the future**

**COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

***Formed as a result of Nov Staff meeting w/ Don, Connie, Judy, Christine, Matt, Becky, Grace, myself***

**Mission Statement**

* **As a result of the staff meeting in Nov, it was decided that a formal mission statement would serve as a foundation for the collection development policy to come**
* Want statement to reflect the Who, What, How, and Why of BHL
* Want statement to be flexible, broad and mention future endeavors

**“Biodiversity” and “Heritage” Definitions**

* What do “biodiversity” and “heritage” mean in the context of collection development for BHL?
* Defining “biodiversity” helps us to understand the richness and breadth of what is meant by “biodiversity literature” esp. for considering relevance of ingested titles.
* Some titles may have a significant “heritage” value and are therefore relevant, ex. Asa Gray’s textbooks on introductory Botany, historical Agricultural literature, historical popular literature

**Deaccession Policy**

* **Preference for no more than 2 copies of the same item**
* Material scanned by BHL member libraries will not be deaccessioned.
* Ingested titles will be reviewed for relevance on a just-in-time basis, i.e. no systematic culling of ingested material.
* Subject terms and call nos. used as part of the Ingest methodology are under review

**Collections Visual**

* A DRAFT visual has been developed for the purpose of:
  + Communicating the scope of BHL collections to content providers and
  + For identifying and refining content to be ingested content.
  + This tiered system (Core, Supporting, Outliers, Excluded) will be used to evaluate scanning priorities in the future.
  + Topical terms derived from LCSH

**PERMISSIONS**

* I have been managing communications with publishers to secure permissions
* 39 publishers have signed agreements
* Permissions agreement updated with moving wall language, to date 3 publishers have moving walls
* Using Gemini to ensure that permissions titles are prioritized for scanning, that gaps are filled, volume sequences are correct ~~(41 Gemini issues marked permissions)~~

**ORANGE BAG**

* Content for incorporation into BHL that falls outside the standard scanning workflow
* I have received emails/feedback from 24 content providers of varying classes (as per C. Freeland’s description):
  + Self-sufficient major providers – OAI harvestable ex. SiELO and PubMed = 1
  + Providers requiring assistance – bulk upload of metadata & content formats needed ex. UniBio = 16 providers / 22 titles
  + Self-sufficient minor providers – can use out-of-the-box services in CiteBank (Biblio module) to upload content & metadata, likely 1 by 1 = 3
  + Book-like items – upload via IA into portal, ex. Texas conchologist = 2 (institutional publications also fall into this class but are not counted)
  + Other providers – I have received offers from individuals who want to provide transcriptions/translations of texts with poor OCR = 2
  + 1 contributor w/ unknown classification

**UPCOMING TASKS**

* Drafting language in order to communicate with content providers about:
  + what content & metadata formats we will accept
  + how we will process their contributions (they must understand we have limited resources; working through the queue of orange bag contributions will take time)
  + what to expect once their content is in BHL/CiteBank
* Drafting language that addresses BHL’s due diligence practices for display on the public facing wiki.