

RLFs as contributors to Journal Archiving Campaign Services (JACS)

Background: The JACS program provides a coordinated approach to selecting, depositing, consolidating, and preserving print journal backfiles at the Regional Library Facilities (RLFs). The service consists of annual, coordinated deposits of all campus holdings for a defined list of journals to the RLFs. For each title on the selected list, a single, shared print archive is disclosed in union catalogs, including OCLC, and stored for long term preservation and access. The JACS also include a de-duplication component; RLF staff take care of removing duplicates and processing discards. The benefits to campuses are two-fold: a complete, or more complete, run of a serial title at a single location and space reclamation at a reduced effort by relieving campus library staff of detailed holdings review and complex volume-level decisions about what to deposit and what to discard.

Proposal: Expand the current JACS program to recognize the RLFs as JACS contributors, who may choose to participate in similar ways to a UC campus. As such, the RLFs may contribute their holdings of a JACS title to the other archiving RLF. The RLFs also have the option to de-duplicate against JACS archived titles retained by the other RLF.

Rationale and Benefits: The persistence policy and the single copy policy will be fully adhered to within this process. RLF participation is optional and the depositing RLF will ensure that the archiving RLF is prepared to accept gap-fills. This approach is beneficial for the UC Libraries because it further supports the consolidation of JACS archived titles and it allows for regulated reclamation of RLF space. A study of titles held at SRLF, but archived by NRLF during JACS Cycles 1-3, reveals 700 duplicate holdings that could either be de-duplicated or contributed to fill gaps in NRLF's archived holdings. Total potential SRLF space reclamation in this scenario is equal to roughly 21,000 items, or one southern UC's allocation for two fiscal years. Potential benefit from recognizing the RLFs as JACS contributors is cumulative over time as the JACS program continues to add titles to UC's archived collection.