

Resource Access Policy Harmonization

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Vision

Introduction and Summary

Call to Action

Alignment with DEI Values

Future Directions

Appendix 1: Resource Sharing Agreement plus Scanning Standards

Appendix 2: Principles and Protocols for Sharing Special Collections

In an effort to realize the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) Libraries' united vision of seamless collection access complemented by a unified, consistent user experience, we need to ensure the lending and access policies are in alignment across the consortium. Aligning these policies may require libraries to rethink how they manage access for their own users, not just their Lending policies. To realize this vision, harmonizing access policies is the first step, but in the long term collection and preservation of material will need to align to ensure success.

As the Harmonization Team dissected the challenges and began to reimagine enhanced collection access and use across the BTAA, it was clear that a unified resource sharing agreement would help align our organizations' local policies and focus our efforts. These changes will require a strong commitment toward action from each library's administrative structure. We understand that each institution is unique, and our goal is to honor that uniqueness while creating an equitable and consistent experience across our libraries. The resource sharing agreement and

We enable students, staff, and faculty across the BTAA to enjoy equitable access to the third largest collection of library material in the world. This agreement will . . .

- Reduce barriers to access for course and research materials

- Eliminate confusion created by differing policies for resource sharing

- Lessen the costs borne by students and researchers to obtain the materials they need

- Reduce the need for in-person travel to access materials held by another BTAA library

- Enable resources held by a single BTAA library to be used throughout

Best Resource Sharing Practices Working Group (including workflows and procedures) ILLiad workflows and norms in collaboration with Atlas to leverage knowledge and solutions across libraries.

The team was not able to assess the consortial scanning abilities, such as what libraries are actively ingesting into Hathi Trust, but will be taking that on as a Phase 2 of our pilot.

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Sharing Scans from Physical Material

Sharing Electronic Resources

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