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UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES



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Problem

Collection Challenges

Unsustainable costs of providing access, discovery, and preservation of **analog and digital collections**

Developing and implementing long-term strategies for building and maintaining

- physical and virtual collections of
 - **primary** (e.g. special collections and data) and **secondary sources** (e.g. books, journals, newspapers) for
 - **current and future users**
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Total Cost of Stewardship



Cost of Acquisition

Cost of Collection Management

- Cataloging
- Processing and Description
- Preservation and Conservation
- Digitization and Reformatting
- Storage and Maintenance



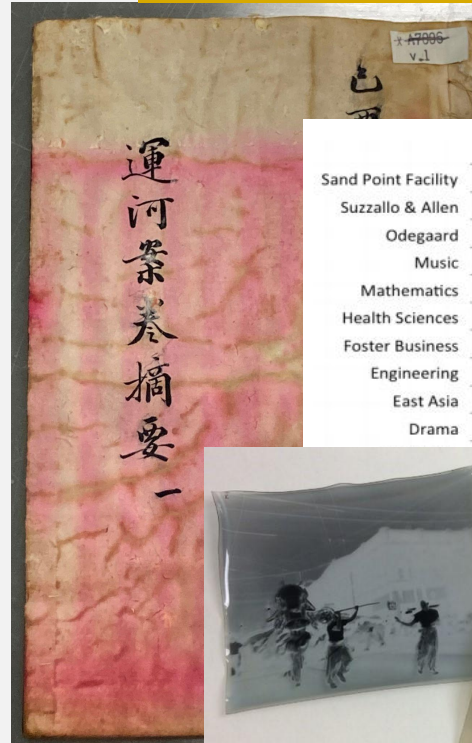
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Facilities

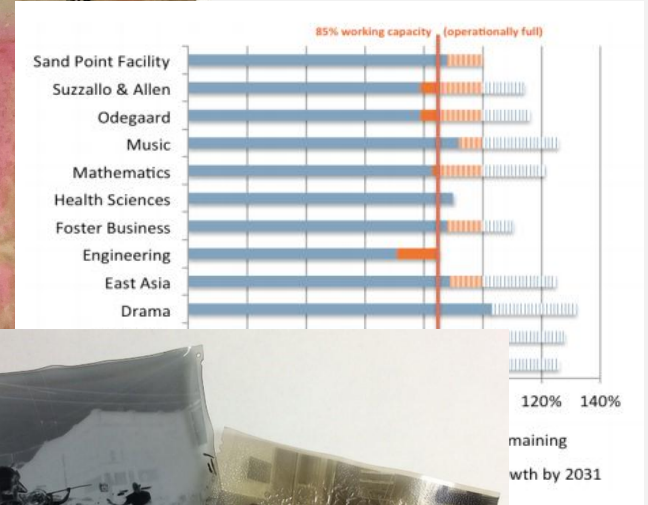
Without strategic investments in the Libraries' facilities, the University risks losing its investment in unique resources.

Long-term stewardship of collections requires funding for

- *More space-efficient offsite shelving*
- *Recommended environmental conditions (HVAC)*



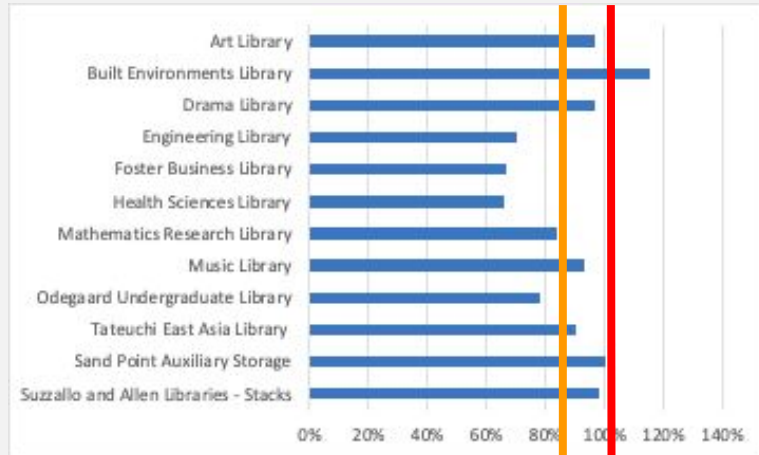
Libraries Strategic Space Plan



Elmer Ogawa Photograph Collection

Seattle State of the Stacks

All Seattle Libraries*

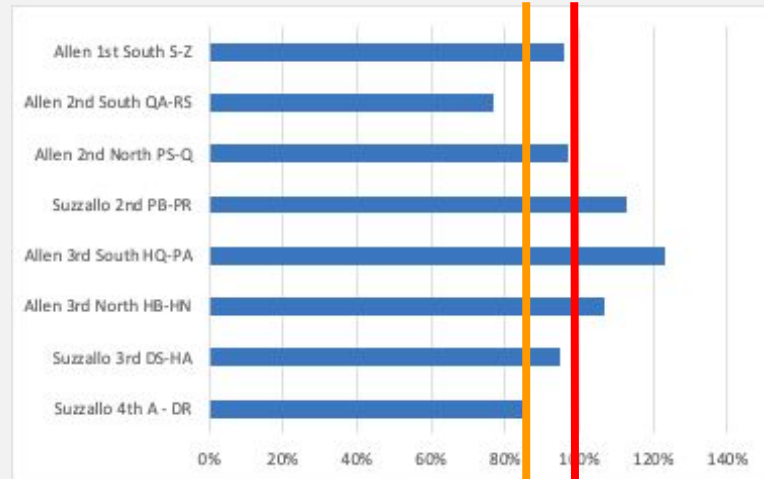


85% = Operationally Full

100% = Over Capacity

* Estimates as of October 2019.

Suzzallo and Allen Libraries*



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Note: Pre-pandemic unable to shelve 17,500 items.
Projected unshelveables (June 2020) estimated on new acquisitions = 35,000 items

Solution

Collection Opportunities

We, like all academic libraries, must regularly deselect/withdraw items or cancel subscriptions from our local collection and rely on a collective collection.

We are fortunate to belong to a strong network of partner libraries from across the country and world, working cooperatively to build shared collections and services.

You will continue to have access to withdrawn items via interlibrary loan.

Space & Collection Management

Challenges & Strategies Recap

- [Libraries Strategic Space Plan Update](#) February 26, 2021
- [Collection Management Update](#) April 8, 2021
- [iSchool and Libraries Announce Partnership for Space Sharing and Collaboration](#) - June 29, 2021

	2021	2022	2023
De-duplication	~15,000	~16,000	TBD
Print serial de-duplication	~9,000	~4,000	TBD
Monographs from partner libraries	~13,000	~1,500	~30,000

- **De-duplication:** withdrawal of duplicate copies of the same edition of a monograph.
- **Print serial de-duplication:** withdrawal of print runs of journals where we have purchased access to the online version and have agreements with other libraries to borrow the print copy if needed.
- **Monographs from partner libraries:** low/no usage individual monographs that are widely available from our partner libraries in the Summit consortium or through ILL.

Print & Digital Partnerships > Collective Collection

Over
600
Academic
or Research
Libraries



Western Regional Storage Trust



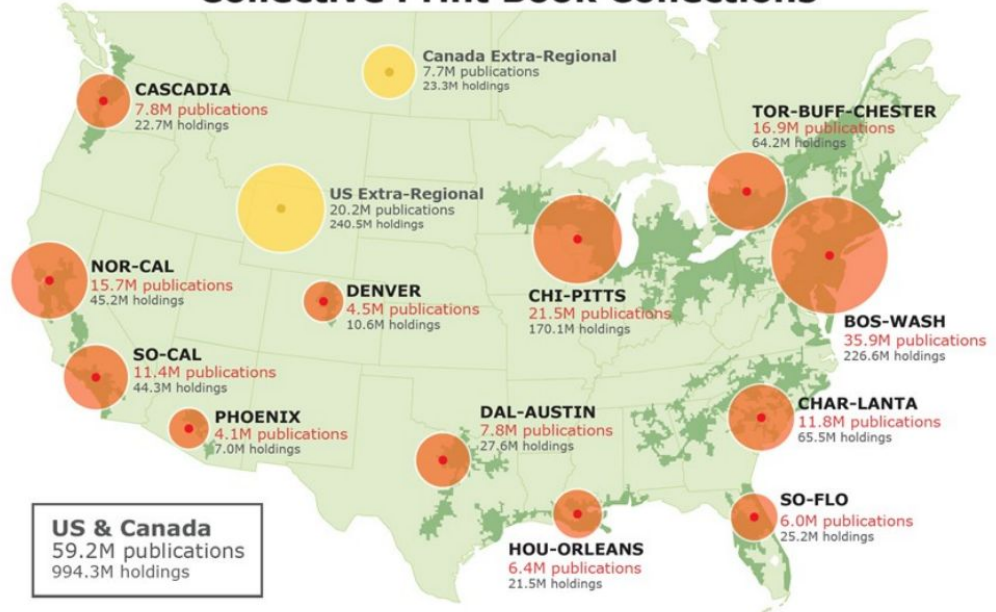
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Digital Library



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US & Canadian Mega-Regional Collective Print Book Collections



Data represents print book holdings in WorldCat as of January 2019. Circles are scaled to reflect the number of distinct print book publications in each mega-region.

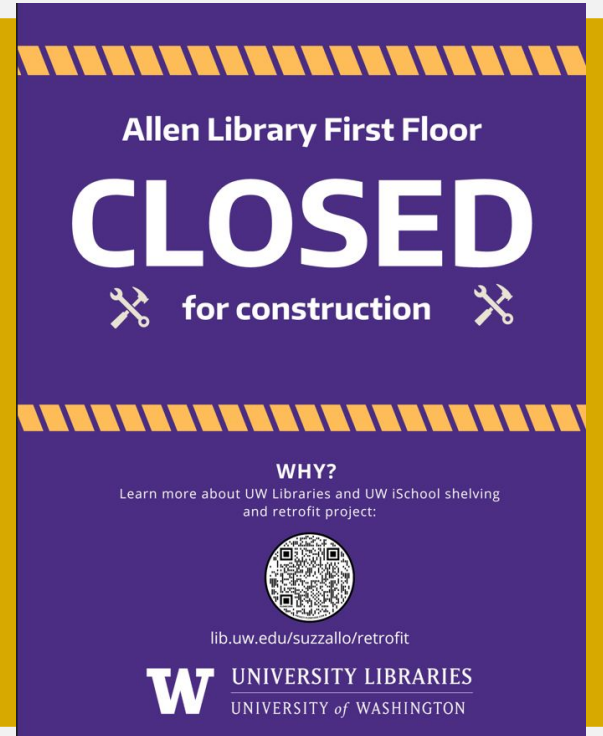


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Libraries Offsite Shelving + iSchool Retrofit

Project Components

- ✓ Phase 1: Significant expansion of climate-controlled off-site storage for UW Libraries collections.
- ☐ Phase 2A: Collection Relocation and Replacement (9/22- 1/23)
- ☐ Phase 2B: Retrofit of Allen Library South 1st Floor to increase student engagement and provide space for leading-edge research (1/23-5/23)



Sustainable Scholarship

We are shifting spending away from purchasing content from proprietary, closed, for-profit scholarly information providers and increasing investments to create and support community-owned infrastructure and shared digital resources.

~ Principles in Licensing Scholarly Resources Class C Resolution

Strategic Actions & Investments

- [Elsevier Alternative Access Review 2022](#)
- [UW Joins PLOS Community Action Publishing and Global Equity Model](#)
- [UW Joins ACM Transformative Open Access Agreement](#)

Communicating Collection Challenges

In-Person Opportunities

- [Subject Librarians](#)
- [Faculty Council on University Libraries](#)
- [Board of Deans & Chancellors](#)

Online Channels

- Libraries [News](#) & [Blog](#)
- UW [News](#)

Sharing via Unit Processes

- [Provost/OPB Annual review and budget request](#)
- [Requests to UW Facilities Campus Planning](#)

Additional Resources



Credit: University of Washington

Collection Management

- [Goals and roles of Subject Librarians & Faculty](#)
- [Principles and strategies](#)

FCUL Updates

- [Oct 2022 Elsevier & Space](#)
- [April 2021 State of Stacks](#)
- [Feb 2021 FY23 Annual Unit Review](#)

Thank you!

Let us know if you have questions or comments

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