Colleagues,

Tom Sanville met with the Collection Building Task Force (CBTF) and once again we discussed the number of copies per title in the OhioLINK collection. We discussed getting more specific information from the Central Catalog based on class ranges for specific subjects. The CBTF talked around the issue of recommending a number of copies of titles to the OhioLINK community, a question that has been raised before to the subject lists.

In order to give a sense of direction to the community while it gets more numbers for analysis from the Central Catalog, the Collection Building Task Force recommends a range of 3-8 circulating copies as the number of copies per title in OhioLINK. Realizing that the selector’s judgment is the ultimate factor in deciding appropriateness of a title for a specific collection, the following factors should be taken into consideration:

1. The subject area involved, including the comparative strength of other OhioLINK collections on this subject.

2. The level of the material
   • General, undergraduate at the high end of the range
   • Specialized, professional material on the low end of the range

3. Level of local program

4. Local needs and use patterns (the CBTF hopes to come out with information on gathering local use data)

We strongly encourage selectors on subject lists to discuss the appropriateness of this range or another range for their particular subject.

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