

Texas Health Science Libraries Consortium (THSLC) Retention of the Last Print Copy of Journals and Indexes Policy

This policy was created by the THSLC Resources Management Team and is designed to protect the existing print collections of the THSLC and to maintain stable access to these collections. As a consortium, we are committed to maintaining a legacy print collection of indexes and journals. This policy provides the following guidelines for the disposition of THSLC print indexes and journals:

- THSLC libraries holding unique journal or index titles agree to keep these titles
- Should a compelling reason to discard a unique title arise, the holding library will first consult with the other THSLC libraries
- The library may dispose of a unique title if the other THSLC libraries agree to its removal
- Should another THSLC library desire, it may acquire the title through a capital funds transfer or other appropriate mechanism
- If the majority of the THSLC libraries agree that the unique title must be retained and the owning library is unable to do so, another THSLC library must become responsible for the retention of this material
- The THSLC library owning the last print volumes of a journal or index agree to loan or make copies, as appropriate, for the other THSLC libraries

This policy will be reviewed annually at the beginning of each fiscal year.

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