



UK Research Reserve (UKRR)

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What is UKRR?

- UKRR is a HEFCE-sponsored scheme which helps UK university libraries dispose of their ***low use research journals***, safe in the knowledge that one copy will be kept in BLDSC, with two backup copies in other UKRR libraries



Why do we need UKRR? (1)

- Strong political pressure on universities to share services to reduce costs and increase efficiency
- BLDSC needs to modernise its systems to meet changing user demands



Why do we need UKRR? (2)

- We must manage our national research information infrastructure responsibly
- Print material is becoming less important to researchers
- UK universities urgently need more space to do their work
- We can no longer cope with the ever-expanding collections in our university libraries



UKRR: primary purpose

- To protect our research information infrastructure

also

- release space for other users



UKRR is a club

- A partnership between 29 UK universities and the British Library
- Shared responsibility for the distributed UKRR collection
- Encourages culture change:
Owning physical collections is no longer the only sign of a good library



How are UKRR members rewarded for taking part?

- For every metre of material offered for checking UKRR pays the library £26
- Guaranteed 24 hour desk top document delivery from BLDSC



UKRR: lessons learnt

- Serials holdings metadata is unreliable
- Deduplication process is laborious
- BLDSC already has most of the material

- No typical university library
- Individual collections have unexpected strengths



What next for UKRR?

- Funded by HEFCE until 2014
- Will deliver a sustainable system to support cooperative collection management for the future



Is there life after UKRR?

- Extend UKRR model?
 - Monographs?
 - Government publications?
 - Grey literature?
 - Across national boundaries?



UKRR - final thoughts

- Something has to give!
- We cannot go on amassing physical material as in the past centuries
- We need a coordinated solution

To protect the information infrastructure on which all our research activity depends

- Introduction
- What our members say



Introduction

The UK Research Reserve (UKRR) is a collaborative distributed national research collection managed by a partnership between the Higher Education sector and the [British Library](#). It allows Higher Education libraries to de-duplicate their journal holdings of a title if two copies are held by other UKRR members, ensuring continued access to low-use journals, whilst allowing libraries to release space to meet the changing needs of their users.

Phase One of UKRR showed the effectiveness of creating a shared collection of low-use journals, with eight Higher Education libraries releasing over 11,000 metres of shelving through coordinated de-duplication.

UKRR is now in Phase Two, and is continuing its work building a sustainable national research collection. Having received funding from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) for five years, it has the ambitious target of releasing 100 km of shelf space by the end of 2013.

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Governance update

The governance page has been updated with the new membership of the revised UKRR Board, which met for the first time in April. The Terms of Reference of the board are also available to download.

[UKRR Governance](#)

UKRR Update

A brief update on UKRR's first year can be found in the M25 Consortium's spring newsletter, which is available from [this page](#)

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