



United Kingdom Research Reserve: a model of collaboration among HE libraries

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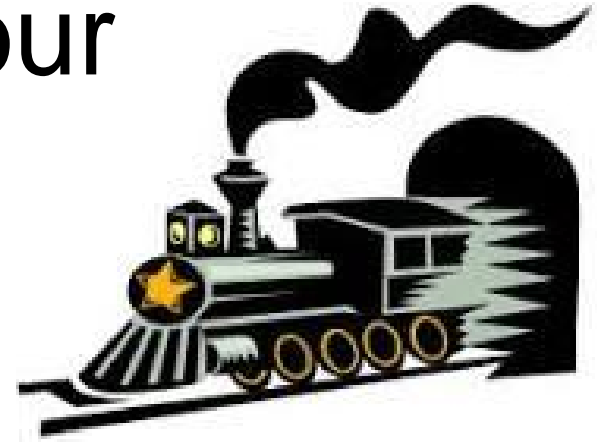
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UKRR – a whistlestop tour

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What is UKRR?

- UKRR is a £10m programme funded by HEFCE
- A strategic partnership between the HE sector and the British Library
- 29 UKHE members, led by Imperial College London



What does UKRR do?

- Helps UKHE libraries release space
- Preserves research material for the UKHE research community

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Safeguarding the long term future of printed research materials
Maintaining quick and easy access for researchers
Ensuring efficient use of resources in HE libraries

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](#)

[UKRR news archive](#)



How does
UKRR work?



What has UKRR achieved?

- Phase One: more than 11km shelving space released
 - Recurrent Estate Saving: £318,333 p.a.
 - Capital Saving: £3,333,333

- Phase Two:
 - Nearly 66km shelving space released (more than 52,000 titles)
 - Recurrent Estate Saving: £1,577,197 p.a.
 - Capital Saving: £16,515,152



Why is UKRR special?

Innovative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•First of its kind in the world•New approaches to collection management and service provision
Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•50% less water•save 2,789 tonnes of carbon emissions
Efficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•service shared•space released•savings delivered



What problems has UKRR met?

- Timing
- Culture
- Conservatism



What next for UKRR?

- Sustainable model
- Wider membership
- International links
- (Monographs?)



What have we learnt from UKRR?

*United we stand,
divided we fall.*
Aesop





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