Copyright Review and the Copyright Review Management System

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Overview

• Project Background/Context
  – Content: HathiTrust Digital Library
  – Copyright Review work at UM
  – IMLS grant

• The CRMS – how it works

• Findings and Results to Date
HathiTrust Digital Library

- University of Michigan/Google Partnership
- MBooks – repository, access system
- Shared Digital Repository → HathiTrust
- Original Partnership – CIC Libraries
- Expanded to include other institutions – UC, University of Virginia
- Currently text only – eventually other formats (i.e. sound recordings)
HathiTrust Stats

Currently Digitized (as of 12/1/09):
4,739,962 volumes (text materials)
1,658,986,700 pages
176 terabytes
720,031 volumes in the public domain
Viewability Breakdown

- In-Copyright or Undetermined: 15%
- Public Domain: 85%
# Initial Rights Determinations (US publications)

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Increasing Access – Copyright Review Work

US works published 1923 through 1963 could be in the public domain if:

- published without a proper copyright notice on the piece (copyright/©+date)
- published with notice but the copyright was not renewed (after 28 years)
Increasing Access –
Copyright Review Work

• Spring 2007, started copyright review work in Library Technical Services Division
• Work spread over 5 staff members = approximately 1.5 FTE
• Focus on books (not periodicals)
• Developed guidelines, detailed use cases
Increasing Access – Copyright Review Work

• To check for copyright notice: staff have special authorization to access in-copyright works in HathiTrust via the pageturner.
TROUBLEMAKERS

REBELLIOUS YOUTH IN AN AFFLUENT SOCIETY

T. R. FYVEL

SCHOCKEN BOOKS - NEW YORK

Yale Copyright Lecture Series - Dec. 9, 2009
Increasing Access – Copyright Review Work

• To check for the renewal: check the Stanford Renewal Database
Increasing Access – Copyright Review Work

• By end of 2007 staff had already reviewed over 16,000 volumes
• Averaging ~3000 volumes per month
• Review time < 2 minutes/volume
• Approximately 60% of volumes reviewed in the public domain
• After less than a year - 10,000 volumes opened up
Issues with “Manual” Copyright Review

• Organization, Tracking/Data Management - spreadsheets (lots & lots!)
• Access - to info about prior determinations
• Reliability/Accuracy/Consistency – each reviewer doing work in isolation
IMLS National Leadership Grant

Submitted proposal to build a Copyright Review Management System ("CRMS")

• more efficient system for managing copyright determinations work
• prioritization and workflow management
• tools to facilitate determination
• “double blind” checking to ensure reliability
• point of collaboration with other institutions

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• Grant was awarded 😊
• Three years starting 12/1/08
• Version 1.0 of the CRMS - July 2009
• No more “manual” review
• Each volume reviewed by two staff members; conflicts reviewed by expert
• Final determinations exported on a nightly basis – update HathiTrust rights database
SOLUBILITY

BY

JOEL H. HILDEBRAND, PH.D.

Professor of Chemistry in the University of California

American Chemical Society
Monograph Series

BOOK DEPARTMENT

The CHEMICAL CATALOG COMPANY, Inc.

19 EAST 24TH STREET, NEW YORK, U. S. A.

1924
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Results to date (including pre-CRMS)

As of December 1, 2009:

• Over 75,000 volumes reviewed
• Almost 44,000 volumes opened up/now available as full-text in HT
Determinations to Date (12/09)

- In copyright/ und 43%
- PD: no copyright notice 16%
- PD: notice but not renewed 40%
- PD: other 1%

Total 57% PD
CRMS Issues:

• High conflict rate
• 18% of determinations require expert review
• Productivity limited -> scarcity of expert time

• How to address?
  • Streamline decision making
  • Retraining
  • Validation of reviews
  • Eliminate non-English volumes
  • Increase staffing – train another expert
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Next up:

• Release version 2.0 by April 2010
• Copyright Office searches/compare results – Spring 2010
• Share determinations
• Collaborate: 3 institutions to participate by Fall 2010 (Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin)
For more info...

- [http://www.lib.umich.edu/crmsgrant/](http://www.lib.umich.edu/crmsgrant/)

- [http://www.hathitrust.org/](http://www.hathitrust.org/)

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