**Northeast Regional Library Print Management Project**

**Kick-off Meeting**

Tuesday July 9, 2013

9:30 am – 4:30 pm

(Continental breakfast at 8:30 am)

The Yiddish Book Center

Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Building

1021 West Street

Amherst, MA 01002

8:30 am Continental Breakfast

9:30 am Welcome and overview of the project

(Neal Abraham, Executive Director, Five Colleges, Inc. and Chris Loring, Director of Libraries, Smith College)

9:45 am Context: Overview of shared print programs and report on survey responses

(Lizanne Payne, Shared Print Planning Consultant)

10:15 am Break

10:30 am Table Discussion: Operating principles (content, location, availability, others)

12:00 noon Lunch (provided)

1:00 pm Table Discussion: Organization structure and business models

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Discussion: Other questions, issues, identify models for further study

3:15 pm Breakout Discussions (move to appropriate groups): Models and working group tasks

4:15 pm Next steps (Neal Abraham and Chris Loring)

4:30 pm Adjourn

Project website: <https://www.fivecolleges.edu/libraries/regionalproject>

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## Northeast Regional Library Print Management Project

All colleges and universities in the Northeast (New England Region and a few neighbors) were invited to join us in exploring needs and possible solutions to the management of lesser used monograph print collections for higher education libraries in the Northeast.  90 libraries have indicated their interest in participating.  The goal for the project is to identify libraries with common needs and shared interest in solutions that address these needs.

This 18-month planning effort, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, requires several key commitments from each participating library:

1. Agreement to complete a survey of interests in shared print collection management solutions, particularly for print monograph collection management, in June 2013 (86 libraries have completed the survey); and
2. Agreement to review solutions (including business models) that will be identified by working groups and to indicate which, if any, of the proposed solutions would be seriously considered by your institution.

Each participating library was invited to send up to two representatives to two meetings and the library director was invited to participate, or have representatives participate, in one of the working groups on topics or proposed solutions of greatest interest to that library’s needs that will be identified at the kick-off meeting.

The two meetings are:

1. The all-day kick-off meeting on July 9, 2013 beginning at 9:30 a.m. (continental breakfast served in advance) and ending at 4:30 p.m. to be held at the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts for which 109 attendees have registered; and
2. A final meeting in Summer of 2014 to review the work of the working groups and a draft plan of action for interested libraries.

If you have other questions about the project, please contact:

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