

# **Validation Sample Study for a Shared Print Collection: Is It There?**

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# VALIDATION STUDY

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Conducted as a part of the Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust (EAST)

- A small sample study to determine an availability metric that provided a rough estimate of the percentage of library holdings likely to be available
- Study also helped to assess the physical condition of the shared monograph collection
- Results were used by EAST's Monograph Working Group to help determine the number of copies of each monograph that the partnership would retain

# WHAT IS THE VALIDATION STUDY

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Each library received a list of 6,000 randomly selected titles from each library's in-scope records:

- Libraries checked their local catalog and shelves to determine availability and to perform a quick condition assessment of the items

# VALIDATION STUDY TOOL

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Google App Script written by EAST Data Librarian Sara Amato

- Allowed for “in the stacks” data collection
- Interacts with Google spreadsheet
- Available on GitHub

# VALIDATION STUDY TOOL

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- Easily accessible for all partner libraries
- Requires a wireless connection
- Laptop or tablet, recommended use of barcode reader

# VALIDATION TOOL: CHECK SHELVES

**CHECK SHELVES**

Check the shelves to verify the presence of an item.

12 Items In Process [\(Clear\)](#)

[Fix Data Entry Error](#)

Enter Your Initials:

Location:

How many?

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<input type="text" value="31796004562050"/>	Present <input type="radio"/> Not On Shelf <input type="radio"/>	Condition: (?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Select Excellent Acceptable/Good Poor
AC75 .R67	[Articles] / por Joaquin Roy.	
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# Saint Anselm College Valiation Sample Study One

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2	Present	v.19	The Harvard classics / ed. by Charles W. Eliot.	.i11318090	0	.b11193347	365184	<a href="https://library.ansel.edu/">https://library.ansel.edu/</a>	928	2	gvc	Poor	yes	1/23/2016 12:36:
3	Present	v.12*	The eclogues ; The georgics ; The aeneid / Virg	.i10766522	0	.b10780555	22861543	<a href="https://library.ansel.edu/">https://library.ansel.edu/</a>	342	5	gvc	Excellent	yes	1/23/2016 12:36:
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5	Present		Mythologies / Roland Barthes ; translated from	.i14854818	0	.b14333946	758844748	<a href="https://library.ansel.edu/">https://library.ansel.edu/</a>	484	11	gvc	Excellent	yes	1/23/2016 12:36:
6	Present		Vasconcelos / prólogo y selección de Genaro F	.i11170736	0	.b11075491	2044057	<a href="https://library.ansel.edu/">https://library.ansel.edu/</a>	44	14	gvc	Poor	yes	1/23/2016 12:36:
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9	Present		Museums : treasure house of history / [text, Li	.i12689129	0	.b12246098	58042241	<a href="https://library.ansel.edu/">https://library.ansel.edu/</a>	42	23	gvc	Excellent	yes	1/23/2016 12:36:
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# RESULTS: STATUS

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- 97% of monographs in the validation sample set were accounted for (either on the shelf or checked out)
- Items with a higher circulation were more likely to be missing



# RESULTS: CONDITION

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- 90% of the titles were in average or excellent condition
- 10% of the titles were in poor condition

# HOW DATA WAS/WILL BE USED

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- High percentage of titles accounted for and in good condition led to development of EAST's retention model
- Data is currently undergoing a statistical analysis by EAST which will work to inform retention models for future cohorts

# HOW DATA CAN BE USED LOCALLY

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- Received the spreadsheet with all of the data
- Review barcode errors/clean up data
- Review materials for repair

# Thank you

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