COLLABORATIVE STORAGE OF PRINT COLLECTIONS

CAUL meeting, September 2010
Helen Renwick
The University of Auckland
• Concept of shared store raised a decade ago

• Earlier application for TEC funding declined

• Universities New Zealand VCs’ Committee supported application last year

• To investigate collaborative solutions

• Project runs until the end of 2010

→ Kuopio, UKRR and JURA
International Conference on Repository Libraries, 3rd, Kuopio, Finland, 2009
UKRR (& BL)
• HEFCE funding

• Higher education libraries and British Library

• Journals

• Retain 3 copies, one at BL and the others among HE libraries

• VCs and many librarians keen, communities not always so
When I visited …

• Trial period 18 months with 6 ‘early adopters’

• 8,000 titles with BL in the Research Reserve

• Released 11 km shelf space (target 17.3)

• BL took only 360 metres from material offered

• Saving £308,000 recurrent building costs, capital value £3.8m p.a.
Imperial College Library
Now …

• UKRR now in phase 2 – runs to 2014

• 29 members, most older larger university libraries

• 21,000 metres now disposed and 17,000 titles

• Subscription bands £5,000 – 10,000 (JISC bands)

• Payment for material withdrawn

• Two other copies held among member libraries by negotiation
Hong Kong - JURA
Joint Universities Research Archive

- Site identified Kowloon side for warehouse to be built

- Harvard packing model and automated storage & retrieval system

- Digitisation and preservation facilities, & reading room

- 3 storeys, rising to 12, for 6 million volumes

- Single copy, ownership retained

- Operation by one institution as self-financing unit; cost shared
“What to withdraw?” – Ithaka

Losses
• Sophocles, English ballads, Shakespeare

Survivals
Libraries preserve to maximise the resources available for research

Use and non-use: Pittsburgh
• 40% of books had not circulated
• Of those that circulated, 73% did so in the 2 years following acquisition

Ithaka: JSTOR
Schonfeld this week: BL collection management seminar

More shared stores than there are shared collections & more mass retention than there is mass disposal
CONZUL

- Shared collection of single copies in a shared store
- All members supportive, interest from external parties
- Currently estimating needs for storage space
- The University of Auckland option for storing journals medium term
- Longer term solution for books, maybe more central location
- Update to VCs next month, business case at year end