

Assessing Relative Collection Strength Across Institutions: An Analysis of Memorial University of Newfoundland's Irish Studies Collection

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Background and Methodology:

Goal: Maintain our Nationally-Recognized Irish Studies Collection!
Problem: Working with Limited Collections Funds.
Possible Solution: Use Relative Strength of Collection to Prioritize Spending and Make Wise Decisions.

Tools (Free or Existing):

- Gobi3 (YBP): Gobi Peer Groups Reports
 - Peer Comparison Titles
 - Peer Ranking Reports
- WorldCat Firstsearch (for now! Discovery as of Dec. 2015)
- Worldcat.org

Subject Area for Comparison

Broad Subject Area: Irish Language and Literature
LCC for Celtic Language and Literature: PB 1001-3029
Gaelic: PB 1101-1200
Irish: PB 1201-1449
Gaelic (Scottish Gaelic, Erse): PB1501-1709
Manx: PB 1801-1867

Comparison Libraries (Strong Collections in Irish Studies):

1. University of Toronto Libraries
2. Dublin City University
3. Maynooth University (Kildare, Ireland)
4. National Library of Ireland
5. Trinity College Library, Ireland
6. University College, Dublin
7. University College, Dublin (James Joyce Library)

Findings:

1. Gobi Peer Comparison Titles

Compare exact titles between your library and one other.

Results: "Peer but Not my Library"

- Comparison: MUN and U of Toronto
- Timeframe: January 1, 2013-October 27, 2015
- PB1001-PB3029

Result: 12 titles that U of T had acquired and MUN had not.
Action: Purchased 11 of the 12 items.

Results: "My library but Not My Peer"

- Comparison: MUN and U of Toronto
- Timeframe: January 1, 2013-October 27, 2015
- PB1001-PB3029

Result: 6 titles that MUN acquired and U of T did not.

2. Gobi Peer Ranking Report

Use LCC or Interdisciplinary Subjects to compare purchasing trends.

MUN and University of Toronto (by LCC PB1001-3029)

Library	Number of Titles Acquired
UNIV. OF TORONTO LIBRARY	13
MEMORIAL UNIV. OF NEWFOUNDLAND	7
MEMORIAL UNIV. OF NEWFOUNDLAND/GRENFELL	0
UNIV OF TORONTO/MISSISSAUGA	0
UNIV OF TORONTO/SCARBOROUGH	0

MUN and University of Toronto (by "Irish Studies" Interdisciplinary Subject)

Library	Number of Titles Acquired
MEMORIAL UNIV. OF NEWFOUNDLAND	503
UNIV. OF TORONTO LIBRARY	428
UNIV OF TORONTO/MISSISSAUGA	26
UNIV OF TORONTO/SCARBOROUGH	11
MEMORIAL UNIV. OF NEWFOUNDLAND/GRENFELL	1

3. WorldCat FirstSearch

Compare "current" library collections.

Search the combined results of two or more libraries by searching library codes (ex. MUN = QE2; UofT = CN7UT) with "or" (QE2 or CN7UT)

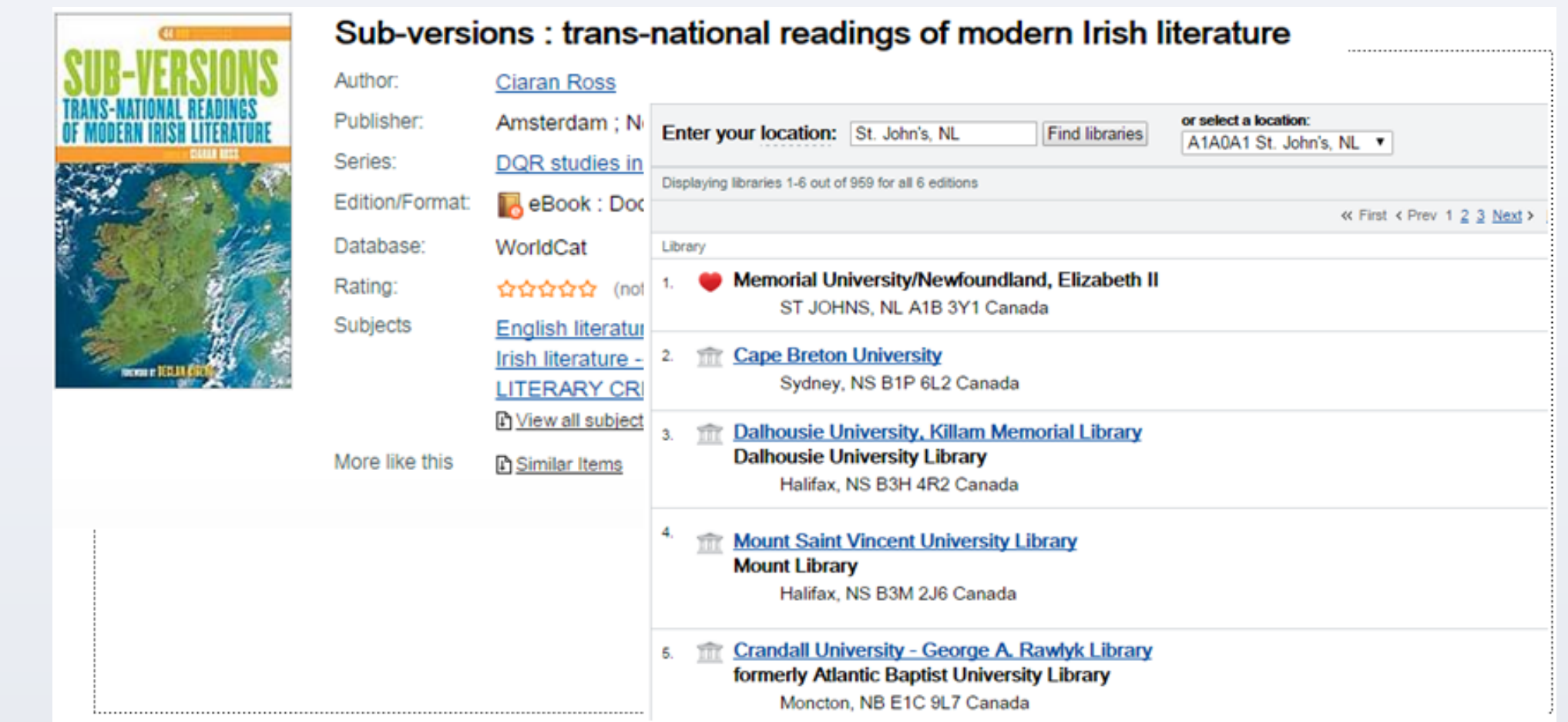
Results: Comparison of Library Holdings

- Subject: Irish Literature
- Total Results: 329 (MUN and UofT)
- Results limited to MUN: 324
- Conclusion: Only 5 titles at UofT that MUN does not own

4. WorldCat.org (Free)

Create a personal account, and identify "Favorite Libraries" across which to compare single title holdings

Sample Search Results:



Sub-versions : trans-national readings of modern Irish literature

Author: Ciaran Ross
Publisher: Amsterdam ; N
Series: QQR studies in
Edition/Format: eBook : Doc
Database: WorldCat
Rating: ☆☆☆☆ (not)
Subjects: English literature; Irish literature - LITERARY CR

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Library

1. Memorial University/Newfoundland, Elizabeth II
ST JOHN'S, NL A1B 3Y1 Canada
2. Cape Breton University
Sydney, NS B1P 6L2 Canada
3. Dalhousie University, Killam Memorial Library
Dalhousie University Library
Halifax, NS B3H 4R2 Canada
4. Mount Saint Vincent University Library
Mount Library
Halifax, NS B3M 2J6 Canada
5. Crandall University - George A. Rawlyk Library
formerly Atlantic Baptist University Library
Moncton, NB E1C 9L7 Canada

Other Tools and Resources:

1. Gobi: GobiTween and Peers:
 - a. For acquisitions duplication among consortium libraries;
2. CUFTS: Open Source Serials Management Software for Libraries
 - a. <http://researcher.sfu.ca/cufts>
3. "Bioinformatics and Research Computing," to compare two ISSN or ISBN lists:
 - a. <http://jura.wi.mit.edu/bioc/tools/compare.php>

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