

What is Hathi Trust?

Hathi Trust is a partnership of research institutions that works to provide leadership, a shared future, and management solutions for sustainable, long-term access to and preservation of digital information. The Trust's flagship effort is a vast repository of digitized monographs and journals (and, in the near future, other information formats, including born-digital objects) that includes all of the materials at the University of Michigan that have been digitized as part of the Google Book project. Currently, there are 5,964,346 volumes included in this online archive, which grows on a regular basis with materials from all partner institutions. Valuable services built around the repository include full-text searching capabilities, format migration to keep content usable for the future, data mining for scholarship, and tools that allow partner institutions to upload locally created collections and to harvest information in customized ways.

The Trust is housed at the University of Michigan and is co-owned and financially maintained by all institutions in the partnership. Shared governance determines Trust priorities and direction. A new financial model, introduced in late 2009 and based on shared maintenance costs of public domain and copyrighted titles within the repository, makes membership more attractive to smaller institutions.

Member institutions:

California Digital Library
Columbia University
Indiana University
Michigan State University
Northwestern University
The Ohio State University
Penn State University
Purdue University
University of California Berkeley
University of California Davis
University of California Irvine
University of California Los Angeles
University of California Merced
University of California Riverside
University of California San Diego
University of California San Francisco
University of California Santa Barbara
University of California Santa Cruz
The University of Chicago
University of Illinois
University of Illinois at Chicago
The University of Iowa
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Virginia