

Standards Archive Task Force Annual Report

The Task Force investigated the policies of some of the larger historic standards repositories NIST and Linda Hall Library. The NICS (at NIST) has an extensive collection of historic standards but doesn't loan its materials. Linda Hall loans in the Kansas City area and will supply photocopies via their document delivery service (except for some ANSI standards).

Other libraries are retaining historic standards but many have discarded their standards as they age, become obsolete, and as space becomes tight. Many libraries have ceased collecting print standards in lieu of access to electronic versions.

Some of these licenses were examined to see if perpetual access to superseded standards is included in the license and such was the case (e.g., IEEE). Not all licenses include this assurance, however.

The Center for Research Libraries (CRL) is not very interested in acting as a repository for historic standards but expressed willingness to assist us in setting up a distributed repository. The 2005 Committee on Institutional Cooperation's report on plans for archiving print Kluwer and Wiley journals provides a cost and service model for a print repository that may prove useful in our planning.

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