

ACM Book Initiative

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The ACM Members' Favorite Books

- 25 out of print books (out of 402) selected by a vote of members
- ACM intends to offer them (for a fee) using their Digital Library and a book-on-demand publisher
- A wiki was used to register comments
- Principally software books but some excellent hardware choices (like IBM 360 POO)

Obvious CHM Initiatives

- 25 Books
 - Make sure we have originals copies of them (In progress)
 - If not publicize the need for a donation
 - Make sure we are collecting more historical information about the books authors and subject matter
 - If not contact them, do oral history etc
- 402 Books
 - Same steps as above

More CHM Initiatives

- For the recommended books “In print”
 - Try to prepare for a future transition to out of print status
 - Follow similar steps to above
- Revisit a CHM Press concept may be with a book-on-demand publisher
- What resources do we need to make this happen?
- How do we provide follow-up?

More Questions

- How do we collaborate with the ACM on this and similar initiatives?
- Out of Print and important: That is Computer History!
- A concerning overlap:
 - We were planning to have all this material available on the Web for no fee
 - The IBM 360 POO is available on the web!
 - http://bitsavers.trailing-edge.com/pdf/ibm/360/poo/A22-6821-0_360PrincOps.pdf