



## **What is EAST?**

The Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust is a shared print initiative whose mission is to create a collective collection that secures print monographs and serials in support of teaching, learning, and research. As part of this mission, EAST has created a decentralized repository system, which means that each of its retention partner member libraries agrees to store and make accessible titles which is was assigned during the collection analysis process. This practice allows member libraries the opportunity to deselect print items knowing that they are maintained at other institutions and trusting that they will be freely available for borrowing when needed by patrons. Libraries that are EAST members are required to retain, loan, and replace items that are designated for retention at their library.

The following list gives important information about retained titles:

- Monograph, journal and serial titles are retained for 15 years (currently through June 30, 2031).
- The EAST retention commitment is reflected in the 583 MARC Field of bib or holdings record.
- EAST Retention commitments can be transferred or reallocated; procedures for doing so are outlined in the Retention FAQ, under the Retention & Access menu on [eastlibraries.org](http://eastlibraries.org)
- Member libraries can determine if another institution retains a particular title by searching the database available on the [eastlibraries.org](http://eastlibraries.org) homepage. Additional data about the full EAST retained collection is available via a combined GreenGlass search. Interested libraries can [contact us](#) for information on how to access it.

## **Why is my institution an EAST member?**

Each EAST member joined for a variety of reasons, including wanting to safeguard and provide access to the scholarly record while recognizing that no single institution can do so by itself. EAST allows member libraries to make collection management decisions by taking into account other EAST members' willingness to retain and loan specific titles. Membership in EAST also indicates that an institution is interested in participating and contributing to the broader conversation around issues of shared print, that is taking place at state, regional, national, and international levels.

## **How does EAST impact my institution?**

The engagement of staff in the member institutions is required. Each library unit contributes to the smooth execution of the EAST initiative.

## **Where can I go if I have questions about EAST?**

The EAST website, [eastlibraries.org](http://eastlibraries.org), is your go-to place to find answers. The site provides comprehensive and dynamic FAQs and Best Practices on topics including retention commitments and Interlibrary Loan. It contains a listing of each library's EAST Voting Member and Operational Contact. For additional guidance, contact the EAST Project Team directly.

## **EAST and Collection Management**

The EAST Collective Collection is comprised of over 6,000,000 unique titles and over 9,000,000 volumes held across the 60+ member libraries. The collective collection is a circulating collection, with all materials available for lending and borrowing. The scope of the collection was determined by the EAST Collection Analysis Working group. More information on the scope of the collection can be found in the [Collection Analysis](#) section of the EASTLibraries.org website.

Some EAST institutions have committed to retain titles that are out of scope of their local collection management policies so that others can rely on those commitments when making their own collection development decisions. Member libraries are responsible for continued access to retained titles, which includes repairing or replacing lost or damaged items. See the [Policies](#) section of the EASTLibraries.org website for more information on policies and processes relating to retained titles.

## **Collection Analysis and Serials/Journals Working Groups**

The EAST Collection Analysis Working Group and the EAST Serials and Journals Working Group continue to meet and discuss collection analysis and curation of the collective collection. These working groups, with input from the membership, arrived at retention models that ensure equitable distribution of retained titles throughout all EAST member libraries.

## **Collection Analysis Access to GreenGlass®**

All EAST Retention Partners continue to have access to their institutional instances of the GreenGlass® collection analysis tool through January 2021. The SCS GreenGlass data visualization and decision support tool can be used by member libraries to better understand their local collections as well as compare and contrast that collection to their EAST partners. Whether a library is considering moving science monographs to offsite storage or reviewing usage information on particular LC classes, the analytic capabilities of GreenGlass can often provide libraries with insight into their collections unavailable elsewhere. This tool can be used for many local curation activities, as outlined in a webinar available from the members section of the eastlibraries.org website.

All EAST Members also have access to a shared instance of GreenGlass which contains a searchable database of all retained titles. Contact us for login information.

## **How do I become personally involved in EAST?**

EAST periodically looks for volunteers to serve on its various committees and working groups, and the best way to find out about these opportunities is to receive our emails. Use the [Contact Us form](#) on the EAST website to request to be added to the EAST.Members list-serv.