The Eastern Academic Scholars’ Trust works with academic and research libraries to safeguard print books and journals and provide access to them for scholars, students, and faculty.

EAST Members can:

- Borrow materials from their EAST partners, in most cases at no cost
- Withdraw titles that their partners have committed to retain
- Participate in the governance of EAST
- Access and use EAST member training materials and documentation
- Engage in regular update webinars and the annual membership meeting
- Contribute to the protection of the print record through regional and national collaboration.

From the FAQ:

**What does an EAST retention commitment mean?**
A retention commitment means that the retaining library is committed to retain the title and provide access through June 30, 2031.* This includes replacing the title if lost or damaged.

**How do I know what monographs are retained?**
Retentions are recorded in your local ILS (most likely in a MARC 583 field), the EAST Retentions Database, and GreenGlass™.

*This date may be extended.

“EAST offers essential assurances to our faculty that we are invested in the print record and ensuring its accessibility to current and future scholars.”

--Anna Gold, University Librarian, Worcester Polytechnic Institute