

EAST Program Assessment Breakout Session

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Link to shared Google doc:

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How Many Have Completed the Survey?

- Please raise your hand if your library has responded to the Program Assessment survey
- Comments on the process

EAST Mission

- Importance of the EAST mission to member libraries/ How well EAST is doing – Based on those rated important/well, very important/very well or extremely important/extremely well
 - Participating in shared print at the national level 96/100
 - Preserving the print scholarly record 90/94
 - Ensuring access 89/76 (16 don't know)
 - Validating presence of monographs 84/82
 - Facilitating space reclamation 77/82
 - Providing opportunities for libraries to participate in share print project 74/73



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Value of EAST

- Cost of EAST membership
 - Just right or a bit low – 72%
 - Little high – 15%
 - High – 5%
- Likelihood of remaining EAST member in 3 years' time
 - Very Likely – 72%
 - Likely - 20.5%
 - Unlikely – 2.5%
 - Local budget cuts and lack of staffing major reasons
- Overall return on investment for EAST
 - Very high or high – 52%
 - Neutral - 28%
 - Low – 8%

Value of EAST - 2

- For retention partners: value of investing staff time and/or budget in EAST related activities
 - Recording retention commitments locally – 100%
 - Recording them in national databases – 86%
 - Reallocation of titles we've identified – 85%
 - Participation in EAST governance – 85%
 - Addressing bibliographic errors found during EAST projects – 85%
 - Collection analysis and modeling – 83%
 - Review of retention titles prior to allocation – 71%

Growing the Collective Collection

- Types of institutions prioritized for expansion
 - Collections that expand the diversity of the collective collection – 94%
 - Academic institutions with rare or specialized print monograph collections – 74%
 - Academic institutions with large circulating print monograph collections – 41%
- Additional formats EAST should consider
 - Video recordings – 75%
 - Scores/sheet music – 50%
 - Sound recordings – 50%



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Growing the Collective Collection - 2

- Current retention partners likelihood of participation in future collection analysis
 - Very likely – 37%
 - Likely – 25%
 - Somewhat likely – 37%
- Circumstances under which you would be willing to make future commitments
 - For monographs
 - Based on future collection analysis (every 5 years or so) – 61%
 - For titles in subject areas of local importance – 43%
 - For serials/journals
 - Not interested in making further commitments – 50%
 - Only to fill gaps for currently retained titles – 12%



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Growing the Collective Collection - 3

- What is important in any future EAST retention model
 - Holdings within the U.S. – 84%
 - Holdings within EAST – 84%
 - Age of the material – 79%
 - Retained by other shared print programs – 75%
 - Aggregate usage history – 74%
- Factors preventing participation in future collection analyses
 - Upfront cost of the tool – 62%
 - Staff time required for the project – 50%



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Collaboration with Other Shared Print

- Importance of collaborative initiatives – Important or higher
 - Development of best practices – 100%
 - Joint CDL/CRL/HT project – 87%
 - Expanded access through Rosemont to S/J titles – 75%
 - Rosemont last copy initiative – 75%
- Plus
 - 75% believe any future retention models should take into consideration retentions by other shared print programs
 - 84% believe that expanding shared access to other print programs is a strategy that is important in support of the EAST mission

Future Directions

- Strategies that are important in support of the EAST mission
 - Recruit new retention partners – 90%
 - Facilitate digitization of retained titles in support of expanded access – 88%
 - Facilitate controlled digital lending within EAST – 84%
 - Expand shared access to other shared print programs – 84%
 - Recruit new supporting partners – 81%
 - Expand the scope of EAST retentions to include other materials types – 67%
 - Secure new retention commitments from willing current EAST members – 64%

Miscellaneous Quotes

- “Existence of EAST allows for more strategic collection building”
- “We need reciprocal ILL”
- On EAST documentation: “... The challenge for staff is keeping up with all of it and up to date...”
- On improving EAST communication: “... useful for EAST to offer more personal outreach to members... It would be nice to have a more casual discussion ... about ways we might become more involved or utilize existing tools.”