



New Member Update

Since our Midwinter 2020 update, EAST has begun work with the 7 Florida State University libraries and FLARE repository who joined EAST in the fall of 2019. The libraries have loaded over 3.5 million bibliographic records into the OCLC GreenGlass decision support tool and, as of June 2020, the participating institutions have agreed to the [EAST Retention Model](#). We anticipate adding 500,000 - 700,000 new retention commitments to EAST thanks to the participation of these libraries.

In addition EAST has welcomed 13 members of the University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions (USMAI) Library Consortium, including the Loyola Notre Dame Library, an existing EAST retention partner. USMAI will begin its collection analysis in the Fall. More recently, the EAST membership was increased to 79 with the addition of Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and the University of Rhode Island. We welcome academic and research libraries interested in joining.

Gold Rush Comparisons

As described at the January, 2020 Midwinter PAN Forum, EAST has begun work with the Gold Rush Decision Support System library comparison tool from the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries to determine its feasibility as an option for collection analysis for libraries interested in joining EAST as monograph retention partners.

We initiated a pilot test using the US Coast Guard Academy (USCGA) bibliographic dataset. USCGA had already committed to undertaking a collection analysis using the Flexible Participation Model in GreenGlass and such a pilot test allowed us to compare results using the Gold Rush tool. While there are [differences between the two services](#) (for example: Gold Rush does not include the load of circulation data to use in retention modeling as is available in GreenGlass), the EAST retention model as applied to the USCGA data yielded results similar to those in GreenGlass and we expect to continue testing Gold Rush using various scenarios to confirm its collection analysis capabilities.

We are also following up on work begun in 2016, when we considered using Gold Rush as a database service for recording and evaluating EAST retentions. At that time the service could not meet our needs. However, in the intervening years several improvements have been made for handling 583 shared print retention commitments, allowing Gold Rush to be a viable alternative to our home grown retentions database.

OCLC Registration

As OCLC completes work on the new registration service for shared print, which will support multi-part monographs and serials, EAST continues to be a strong advocate for the needs and requirements of the shared print community, along with our colleagues at the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance and the Partnership for Shared Book Collections.

Sara Amato, the EAST Data Librarian, provided significant feedback on the shared print API testing conducted by OCLC and CRL and worked with two EAST member libraries to test loading of their

monograph retention commitments, both as an agent and having the library register directly. EAST also contributed member data for the testing of loading serials commitments from PAPER into WorldCat. As of May, EAST has 986,417 title commitments registered, representing about a 10th of the current monograph commitments. We will be working with the EAST member libraries in the coming months to complete the registration of both monographs and serials/journals and hope to have it completed by January of 2021. EAST has joined colleagues from other shared print programs to request that a shared print flag be visible in OCLC's WorldCat.org, where many library staff and faculty go to search institutional holdings.

Serials & Journals

EAST's Serials and Journals Retention Partners have collectively agreed to retain 15,499 titles and 24,978 holdings across the three phases of collection analysis work. This number will increase as two libraries are yet to confirm their commitments for their "scarce" titles (those held by 3 or fewer participating EAST libraries).

Some monograph retention partners have expressed interest in becoming serials retention partners, and over the course of the year, EAST will evaluate potential avenues to continue the serials and journals work, particularly as some of the options may intersect with the work of the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance.

Program update

EAST's governance and governing documents continue to evolve as our membership grows. Over the last few months, our voting members approved the expansion of our Executive and Operations Committee from 8 to 9 members to better reflect the range of institutions in our program. Our documentation was also updated to reflect current workflows and practices in regards to retention commitments and participation in the Rosemont Alliance.

EAST staff, always distributed, has continued operations through the COVID-19 crisis. As a remote team, we have experience working from home and via video-conferencing, which has given us some space to handle other unexpected aspects of the crisis.

As of June 30th, Susan Stearns will retire from her role as Executive Director of the Boston Library Consortium, EAST's financial and organizational host. She will continue as EAST Project Director.

National Initiatives

EAST continues its participation in the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance and the Partnership for Shared Book Collections. EAST Project Team members also serve on OCLC advisory groups related to Shared Print. EAST is also pleased to support the infrastructure initiative currently being undertaken by the CDL/CRL/HathiTrust collaboration. Please see the separately submitted reports from these EAST partners, which describe their ongoing work.

Next steps for EAST

Over the next year, EAST will explore digitization of older and/or fragile retention commitments, and will embark on a program assessment leading up to our 5th anniversary. We continue to look at the most effective ways to grow the EAST retention commitments and expect to continue to be active in both the Rosemont and Partnership collaborative programs.