EAST Member Update

EAST Member Meeting
October 13, 2017
Susan Stearns, Project Director
University and College Libraries Destroy Books to Make Room for More Beds

Boston – October 13, 2017 - Some sixty academic and research libraries across the eastern US have reportedly completed destruction of more than 10 million scholarly books. The works, although deemed to have significance to scholars, were withdrawn from the member libraries and often destroyed in order to make room for “other services”. The destruction is the by-product of the formation of the Eastern Academic Scholars’ Trust (EAST), a collaboration among the libraries to identify scholarly works that qualify for “de-selection”.

“Following an exhaustive analysis of the collections of our member libraries, we determined that more than half of the books in the libraries’ collections are of little consequence and value to the individual members” said Susan Stearns, Project Director for EAST.

“When another library agrees to keep a copy, particularly when we consider the title irrelevant to our teaching and research, it’s off to the incinerator” added Marian Director, University Librarian from Librorum University and a member of the EAST Executive Committee. “Our university is doubling its enrollment next year in order to make up for a 75% cut in our state funding, so we anticipate at least half of the library will be turned into dorm space”, she continued. Like Carla Hayden of the Library of Congress, whose destructive tendencies we reported on a few weeks ago, Ms. Director is new to her university. “Carla and I are both bringing bold new perspectives to our institutions. This is just the beginning”, she concluded.

Our agenda

• 9:45 – 10:00 am – Welcome
• 10:00 – 10:45am – Update
• 10:45am – 12:00pm – Leveraging your investment in EAST
• 12:00 – 1:00pm – Lunch
• 1:00 – 2:00pm – Breakout sessions
• 2:00 – 3:30pm – Next steps for EAST
Before I start

Mei Mendez
Project Manager

Matthew Revitt
Shared Print Consultant

Sara Amato
Data Librarian
EAST VIP’s

We couldn’t do it without you…
And, thanks to our Funders

- Extension of Mellon funding through June, 2018 to support Cohort 2 work, validation sample study and collaborative work

Davis Educational Foundation

- Funding for Cohort 2 collection analysis
The Eastern Academic Scholars’ Trust – 60 institutions in 11 states from Maine to Florida. Cohort 2 libraries shown in green.
The Cohort 2 libraries

- Bucknell University
- Davidson College
- DeSales University
- Florida State University
- Furman University
- Gettysburg College
- Hofstra University
- New York University
- University of Pittsburgh
- Syracuse University
- Union College – in Cohort 1 through ConnectNY
- University of the South
- University of Massachusetts Medical School – Serials/Journals only
- Villanova – Supporting Partner
Cohort 2 Timeline

- **May/June**: Libraries complete SCS questionnaire.
- **July**: Libraries provide SCS with bib, item, & circ. data. CAWG explores data in GreenGlass & models retention scenarios.
- **August**: Collection Analysis Working Group (CAWG) learns about retention models, comparator groups, etc.
- **Sept**: Librarians perform validation study.
- **Oct**: SCS load GreenGlass with holdings data.
- **Nov**: SCS allocate retention commitments to Cohort 2 Retention Partners.
- **Dec**: Libraries review retention proposals & request adjustments before signing commitments.
- **Jan**: Final commitments reflected in GreenGlass.
- **Feb**: Libraries perform validation study.
- **Mar**: Final commitments reflected in GreenGlass.
When more IS better...

- Additional retention commitments
- Further withdrawals = more space
- Expanded lending network
- Additional financial support
The EAST retention commitments database

https://east-retention-db.appspot.com/
Registering EAST Retention Commitments in WorldCat®

Shared Print Registration Service
EAST Lending Network

- Best Practices
- Rapid Pod
- Register in OCLC Policy Directory

EAST libraries strongly support a policy of free lending across the member libraries
Serial & Journal Retention Partners - 29 Total

- Amherst College
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Connecticut College
- Elms College
- Fairfield University
- Five Colleges, Incorporated
- Hamilton College
- Lafayette College
- Loyola Notre Dame
- MBLWHOI
- Mount Holyoke College
- Siena College
- Smith College
- Swarthmore College
- Trinity College
- Union College
- University of Massachusetts - Amherst
- Williams College

Cohort 2:
- De Sales University
- Syracuse University
- Hofstra University
- Bucknell University
- NYU
- Tufts University
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Massachusetts Medical School
Cohort 1 serials/journals titles as presented in Tableau for analysis: 108,863 title sets representing 195,793 holdings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Library Title Sets</th>
<th>EAST Holdings</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Amherst</td>
<td>6,551</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bard</td>
<td>902</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boston College</td>
<td>28,307</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boston University</td>
<td>27,463</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brandeis</td>
<td>13,980</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connecticut College</td>
<td>9,501</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elms</td>
<td>141</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fairfield</td>
<td>1,285</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Five Colleges</td>
<td>17,349</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hamilton</td>
<td>5,592</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lafayette</td>
<td>5,729</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Loyola</td>
<td>2,139</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mount Holyoke</td>
<td>6,379</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Siena</td>
<td>1,729</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Smith</td>
<td>7,087</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Swarthmore</td>
<td>2,733</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trinity</td>
<td>4,684</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UMass Amherst</td>
<td>33,596</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Union</td>
<td>4,227</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Williams</td>
<td>10,258</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Woods Hole</td>
<td>6,482</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Totals, by library, of those titles held by 4-6 of the retention partners: 7,348 titles representing 34,405 holdings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Library Title Sets</th>
<th>EAST Holdings</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Amherst</td>
<td>1,187</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bard</td>
<td>118</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boston College</td>
<td>4,535</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boston University</td>
<td>4,423</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brandeis</td>
<td>2,755</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Connecticut College</td>
<td>1,592</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elms</td>
<td>44</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fairfield</td>
<td>372</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Five Colleges</td>
<td>2,503</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hamilton</td>
<td>1,253</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lafayette</td>
<td>1,564</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Loyola</td>
<td>598</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mount Holyoke</td>
<td>1,406</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Siena</td>
<td>374</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Smith</td>
<td>1,247</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Swarthmore</td>
<td>832</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trinity</td>
<td>1,217</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UMass Amherst</td>
<td>3,993</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Union</td>
<td>1,219</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Williams</td>
<td>2,406</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Woods Hole</td>
<td>767</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Validation and more validation

• Deeper dive into the Cohort 1 validation sample set

• ~70,000 titles ‘at risk’ of being missing or in poor condition with surplus copies in EAST

• Validation sampling used to enrich retention commitments
Validation Sample Study Redux – Cohort 2

• Replicate the sample study with 12 Cohort 2 libraries – including 2 with collection sizes of more than 3 million: mid-October to mid-December

• Reusing documentation and training from Cohort 1

• Determine if results should impact retention model or allocation
  • Should we retain additional copies of older materials?
  • Should we avoid allocation to libraries with low availability?
Operations Committee

- Focus on operationalizing the work of EAST
- The “devil is in the details” committee
- Charged by the Executive Committee
- Elected by the membership
- Includes broad representative across types & sizes of libraries
Reallocation of Retention Commitments

Help! We’ve:
- lost a book
- found mold
- had water damage
...

https://eastlibraries.org/frequently-asked-questions-about-retention-commitments
**Reallocation Requests - 2018 / 2019**

Reallocation requests made prior to December 2017, any titles available in the EAST Cohort 2 libraries will be reassigned there.

For 2018, EAST will follow a semi-annual schedule of retention reallocations.

Process reevaluated in 2019 for sustainability/functionality

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>At any time during the calendar year</th>
<th>Requests for reallocation may be submitted at any time by providing the EAST Project Team with a list of OCLC numbers.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>May 1st</td>
<td>EAST Project Team reminds member libraries of June/December 1st deadline to submit reallocation requests.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 1st - 15th</td>
<td>EAST staff determines which titles have surplus copies in EAST for potential reallocation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June 15th - July 31st</td>
<td><strong>Operational Contacts</strong> at EAST libraries holding surplus copies are provided lists of potential additional retention requests. Libraries have 6 weeks to examine the lists and respond if they are able to take on the additional retentions. Libraries are then responsible for recording retention commitments on these titles in their ILS and WorldCat (when available). The EAST Project Team will update the EAST Retention Database.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>August 1st</td>
<td>Libraries who submitted requests for retention reallocation are informed of the results.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**EAST** EASTERN ACADEMIC SCHOLARS' TRUST
Summit April 5-6 in Boston

- What are we trying to accomplish through collaboration?
- What is the corpus of content we have a shared interest in stewarding?
- What is essential to an entity that could enable collaboration in our efforts to steward this corpus?
- What are the most critical priority areas that such an entity should address?
- What are the priorities for next steps?
The future of EAST – Questions to ponder

• Our boundaries
  • Geography
  • Types of content – by format, by subject area, other
  • Library types - public, community colleges
  • Total number of members
  • Ability to adhere to retention requirements
Additional questions to ponder

• Our goals and structure
  • What does sharing mean as EAST grows?
  • EAST offers members new ways of thinking about collections. What are the implications for goals?
  • What organizational structure best supports the goals of EAST?
  • How do we best incentivize membership?

• Defining success
  • What data should we be collecting to analyze value and success?
Thank you.

sstearns@blc.org