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 77+ 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 EAST Working Groups, focusing on pre 2011 print monographs. More information on the scope and retention models of the collection can be found in the Collection Analysis section of the EASTLibraries.org.

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

Monograph Collection Analysis and Serials and Journals Working Groups provide input and guidance on collection analysis and curation of the collective collection. These working groups, with input from the membership, arrived at the original retention models and worked with new members to ensure equitable distribution of retained titles throughout all EAST member libraries.

Collection Analysis Access to GreenGlass® and Gold Rush®

Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 member libraries continue to have access to their institutional instances of the GreenGlass® collection analysis tool through January 2021, at which time EAST retention commitments will be visible in several other OCLC products. 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. EAST also provides collection analysis services via the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries’ Gold Rush tool, a slimmed down alternative to GreenGlass that also allows for collection analysis within and across members’ collections.

As members update their holdings, libraries can request reallocation for retained titles that have been lost and cannot be replaced, are out of scope for EAST, or have been moved into non-circulating collections. This reallocation process formally occurs twice during the calendar year.

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.