



EAST and Interlibrary Loan

Titles agreed to be retained by EAST member libraries are held as a light archive within their local circulating collections. The EAST [Major Operating Policies](#)¹, as approved by the [Executive Committee](#), allow EAST member libraries to use their own local policies to fulfill borrowing requests of retained titles from other EAST libraries, keeping in mind that the majority of EAST members as well as the EAST Monographs and Interlibrary Loan Working Groups strongly advocate for no-charge lending across the EAST member libraries. EAST libraries publish their policies in the OCLC Policies Directory.

Interlibrary Loan staff are responsible for ensuring EAST member libraries have access to materials across the membership. An EAST OCLC Group Access Capability (GAC), named EAST, has been created. Interested librarians should consult the [list of OCLC and DOCLINE symbols](#)² for a list of symbols included in the EAST GAC. For RAPID members, an EAST pod is available.

The EAST ILL Working Group reviews policies and advises on implementation details. It has created an EAST ILL Best Practices document². As EAST continues, it remains important to measure the impact on ILL units across the membership. Therefore, compiling, analyzing, and providing access to loan and request data will be increasingly important. To that end, EAST collects GAC and POD level statistics, though libraries may wish to devise their own mechanisms for measuring impact. The EAST ILL Working Group also continues to explore statistics gathering.

All EAST members adhere to the principles of the ILL Code for the United States.

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 sign up for our emails. You can also use the [Contact Us form](#) on the EAST website to request to be added to the EAST.Members list-serv.

¹ EAST Policy documents can be found at <https://eastlibraries.org/policies-mou> and information about the Executive Committee can be found in the Governance section of the EAST website: <https://eastlibraries.org/governance>

² Links to the ILL Best Practices document, lists of member OCLC and DocLine symbols, and information on how to add to the OCLC Policies Directory are all available in the Access section of the EAST website: <https://eastlibraries.org/access>