

An Update on EAST

PAN Forum

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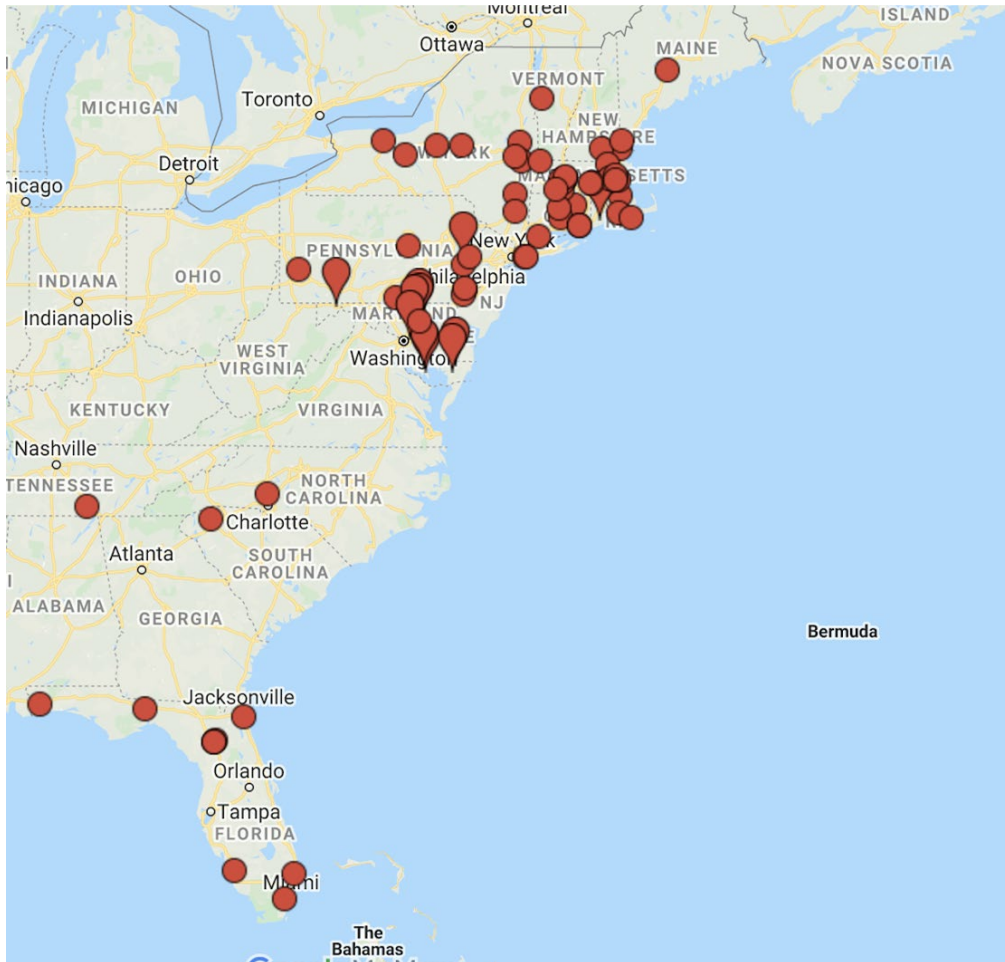
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- 82 libraries from Maine to Florida
- Most are Retention Partners
- Mission: to protect and provide access to the print scholarly record
- Collective collection includes @10 million retained monographs and 29K serials/journals titles

Does this resonate?

- Are there areas of overlap with other shared print programs where further collaboration is needed?
- How do we see this feeding into the work being undertaken following the CCH Summit?
- What else would you like to see in these areas: collection analysis, special collections, and access?

Our Program Assessment

- Formal survey of all EAST members in late 2020
- Focus on understanding benefits to member libraries, challenges to participation, and future directions for EAST and the EAST collective collection
- Results reported to PAN in [January, 2021](#) as part of the program assessment panel
- Decision to focus on 3 main areas for follow up:
 - Future group collection analysis work
 - Opportunity to expand to include special collection content
 - Ways to expand access

The Collection Analysis Working Group (CAWG)

- Willingness from our members to make future commitments
- Broad collection analysis seen as the best approach, some interest in focusing on subject areas or newly acquired titles
- How collection analysis can impact EAST outreach and expand access to a diverse and inclusive collective collection
- What should be included in the analysis?
- An agreed upon group retention model vs. more local flexibility
- Factors to consider in agreeing commitments:
 - Retentions from other programs
 - Geographic distribution
 - Digital availability
 - DEI issues

CAWG: Current Status

- How best to consider DEI issues in subsequent analyses? Including special collections may help. Consider using tools outside of traditional collection analysis.
- What tool(s) are best suited for subsequent analyses?
- General view is that an updated analysis of the entire collections is best.
- Consider options for libraries to volunteer retention commitments
 - How can tools facilitate this?
- Next Steps
 - Survey full EAST membership to gauge interest in participating
 - Engage with the service providers to estimate pricing and timing



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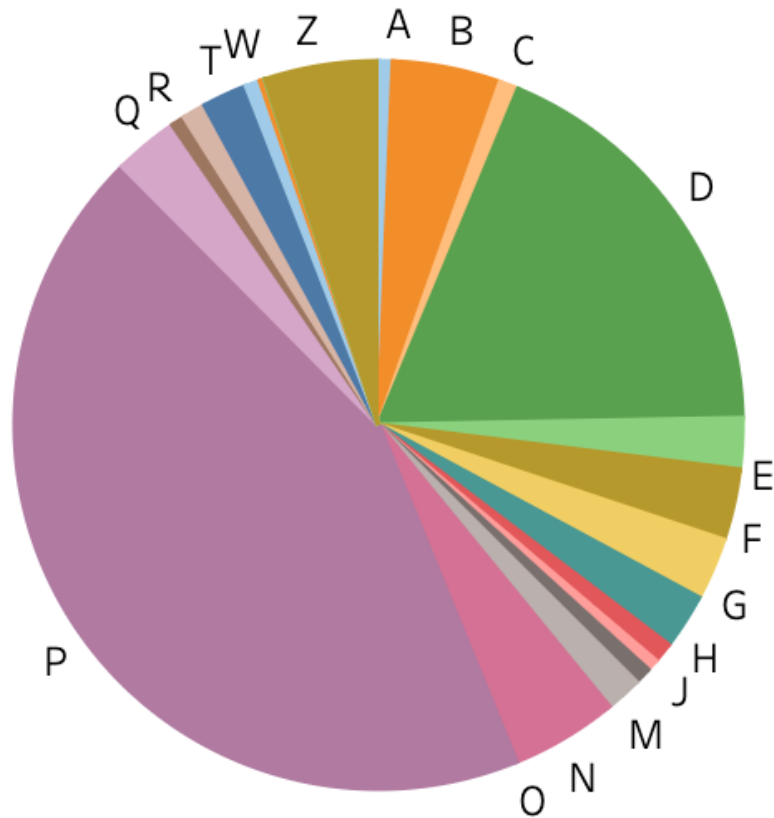
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The Special Collections Working Group (SCWG)

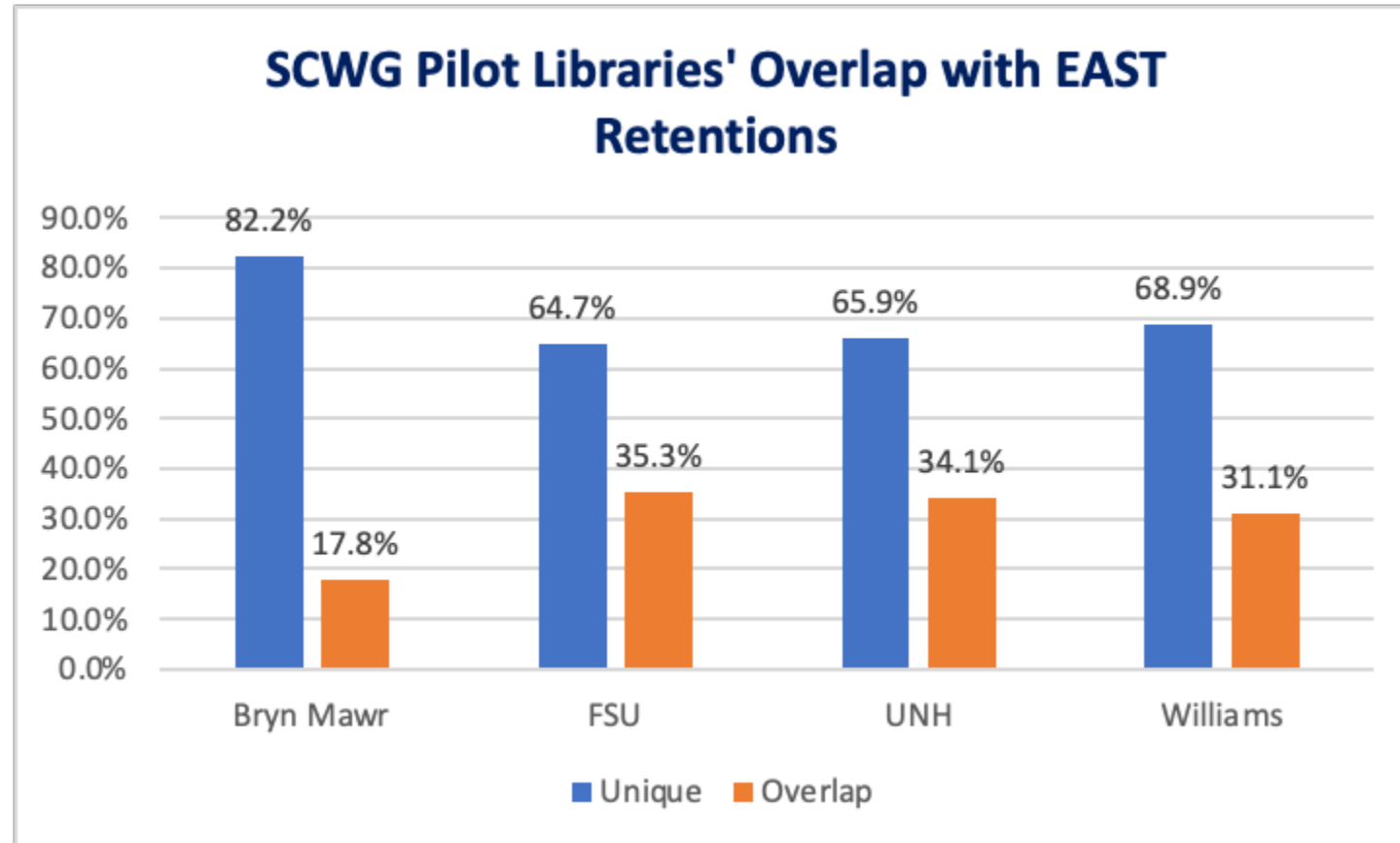
- Should EAST expand its scope to include special collections titles?
- What criteria should be used to determine special collections to be in-scope?
- What policies and guidelines will guide access to these titles?
- Are there other operating policies that need to be addressed?
- Two subgroups formed
 - Collection analysis pilot project
 - Policy and procedure development
- Pilot collection analysis of 4 EAST special collections using Gold Rush library comparator tool
- Results of analysis loaded into Tableau to facilitate analysis

The 4 Pilot Special Collections Libraries' Data

Distribution by LC Class



Overlap/Uniqueness with EAST



SCWG: Current Status

- Reviewed both GreenGlass and Gold Rush functional capabilities and general costs
- Finalized updates to the access policy for EAST to include special collections
- Reconvening ILL Working Group to update best practices for ILL
- EC recommendations (draft):
 - An opt-in program
 - Include special collections in subsequent collection analyses
 - May consider only titles published post-1900*
 - Adopt the new access policy which incorporates special collections
 - Update ILL best practices to reflect special collections

* If libraries include only titles published since 1900, the benefits to the local libraries are increased as a higher percentage of their titles in special collections are already retained by 1 or more other EAST libraries (ranging from just over 33% to almost 42.5%)

EAST and Access Today

- MOU: EAST is a light archive with volumes available for circulation
- MOU: EAST strongly supports free lending across the libraries; members use their own institutional policies
- EAST Major Operating Policies: Re-iterates MOU and adds digital delivery option to physical lending
- [Best Practices for ILL](#): Developed by ILL Working Group; Operational details including availability of Rapid Pod and OCLC GAC (Group Access Capability) to support ILL
- Rosemont Alliance for Shared Print [Access Principles](#): Focus on fulfillment of requests for retained serials and journals titles

The Access Working Group

- Began work in Sept, 2021
- Includes 3 from Exec Comm and 7 library staff from access services, ILL and cataloging
- Initial areas of focus:
 - Analysis of ILL usage
 - Resources and support for digitization – local digitization, CDL initiatives
- Anticipate recommendations to EC by summer
- Pilot ILL data analysis project
 - Data from OCLC (Group Access Capability) from 2016 forward
 - Data from Rapid from 2019 forward
 - First: Compare retained and non-retained ILL, look at digital surrogates
 - Next: What data is practical to obtain and to use, and what questions are reasonable to answer from the data available.

Access WG: Digitization

- What kind of reports can EAST provide on demand to member libraries in support of local digitization?
- Can/should EAST play a greater role?
- Can the ILL data analyses inform digitization?
- Role of CDL?
- What is mechanism for discoverability?
- Reports:
 - Public domain
 - Not available digitally
 - Widely used
 - Scarcely held
 - Publication data
 - Diversity of voices
- Rollout to EAST member libraries – multiple avenues needed. Pilot with the WG.

Implications for collaboration

- For resource sharing data:
 - With service providers: to recognize retained titles
 - With other shared print programs: to develop collection & analysis methodologies
 - With other libraries and shared print programs: to share data and results of analysis
- To support digitization:
 - With Internet Archive and HathiTrust: to reflect digital surrogates in shared print databases
 - With service providers: to collaborate on digitization efforts across libraries
 - Support access to digital surrogates for retained titles



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Thank you.

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