

A redefined scenario for the future of EAST

Steady Ahead and Gathering Steam

A webinar for EAST members

May 21, 24, & 31, 2018



Logistics

- Participants are “muted”
- Use Chat or Question to ask a question online
- Raise hand to request to be unmuted to ask a question
- Presentation being recorded
- Recording and slides will be available at <https://eastlibraries.org/member-resources>



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Background

Feedback from 2017 Member Meeting identified a desire to ensure full operationalization of monographs work AND take advantage of buy-in into the serials work to pursue further work there.

Discussions with the Mellon grant Co-PIs and the EAST Executive Committee to review and address member recommendations, considering:

- Mellon funding ending in FY19
- Membership surplus keeps EAST financially healthy

Scenario addresses activities over the next 12-24 months.

Components of the Scenario

- How best to continue the monograph retention work?
- What should the level of focus be on serials and monograph retention?
- How can EAST expand its outreach, particularly across non-library stakeholders?
- What areas of collaboration have come out of the Shared Print Monograph Summit EAST sponsored in April and how can EAST best engage in furthering the goals identified as priorities at the Summit?

Steady Ahead: Monographs

No immediate plans for Cohort 3

Take stock mid-FY 2019 (December 2018) and determine:

- If the EAST Executive Committee should consider approaching funding bodies
- or consider other options for expanding the EAST membership

In the interim, EAST will evaluate requests to join on a case-by-case basis.

Steady Ahead: Monographs

The Executive Committee may, if interest warrants, consider additional membership categories or other approaches to collection analysis which would allow libraries to join EAST outside of a formal cohort while still meeting similar requirements to the current Cohorts in terms of collection analysis and retention commitments.

The EAST Project Team will continue modest outreach through conferences and other communications to libraries who express interest in EAST and will communicate these regularly to the EC for consideration.

Full Steam Ahead: Serials & Journals

Cohort 1 retention commitments finalized

Cohort 2 collection analysis underway

Focus during next 12-24 months:

- additional collection analysis on widely-held titles
- operationalizing journal retention commitments (exploring gap filling, retention & reallocation)
- working with CRL on ensuring serials commitments are available in PAPER
- Understanding Rosemont membership and possibilities for future work

*Questions about the
strategies for
monographs and serials
and journals?*



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Operational Work

Based on feedback from the membership, additional work to operationalize EAST at member institutions is needed. The EAST Project Team has identified the following steps as starting points to address these concerns:

- work with the Executive Committee to review governance and major operating policies and procedures as EAST matures
- continue to work with the Operations Committee on detailing the reallocation of retention commitment requirements

Operational Work

- work with the EAST Partners to register their commitments in WorldCat and develop any appropriate documentation to support this (Note: this requires that OCLC complete the necessary work to support such registration)
- work with representatives of the various Working Groups to develop a series of short recordings to be used for onboarding new staff at EAST member libraries
- reconvene the ILL Working Group to consider ways to monitor lending and borrowing across EAST member libraries.



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*Questions about the
strategy focused on
operational work?*



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Outreach

Another important theme, both from the Member Meeting and in discussions with the EAST Executive Committee, relates to focus on outreach and communications, within the EAST community as well as outside it.

The focus over the next year is to ensure we are communicating adequately with all stakeholders, including faculty at member institutions.

To that end, EAST anticipates working with members of the Executive Committee and possibly an outside consultant to develop and implement a communications and outreach plan that more directly addresses concerns of academic faculty and administrations as well as those of their institutional member libraries.

Collaboration

It has become increasingly clear that there is a need across shared print programs to collaborate and leverage our combined weight towards ensuring our members' needs are adequately represented and met by major players in the library landscape. To that end, EAST has become a Rosemont Shared Print Alliance member and recently hosted a Shared Print Monograph Summit.

In addition, EAST is in conversation with BookTraces, the project from the University of Virginia, to understand how libraries can further analyze their holdings and make relevant collection management decisions.

*Consider adding your voice by
commenting on the EAST future
scenario strategy*

<https://eastlibraries.org/special-highlights/future-east>



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