EAST Program Assessment Breakout Session

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Link to shared Google doc:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lpCVRTy4c6XvFE1lnKje4fuInBN6RlKmj0C3g-usSYM/edit
How Many Have Completed the Survey?

• Please raise your hand if your library has responded to the Program Assessment survey
• Comments on the process
EAST Mission

- Importance of the EAST mission to member libraries/ How well EAST is doing – Based on those rated important/well, very important/very well or extremely important/extremely well
  - Participating in shared print at the national level 96/100
  - Preserving the print scholarly record 90/94
  - Ensuring access 89/76 (16 don’t know)
  - Validating presence of monographs 84/82
  - Facilitating space reclamation 77/82
  - Providing opportunities for libraries to participate in share print project 74/73
Value of EAST

• Cost of EAST membership
  • Just right or a bit low – 72%
  • Little high – 15%
  • High – 5%

• Likelihood of remaining EAST member in 3 years’ time
  • Very Likely – 72%
  • Likely - 20.5%
  • Unlikely – 2.5%
    • Local budget cuts and lack of staffing major reasons

• Overall return on investment for EAST
  • Very high or high – 52%
  • Neutral - 28%
  • Low – 8%
For retention partners: value of investing staff time and/or budget in EAST related activities

- Recording retention commitments locally – 100%
- Recording them in national databases – 86%
- Reallocation of titles we’ve identified – 85%
- Participation in EAST governance – 85%
- Addressing bibliographic errors found during EAST projects – 85%
- Collection analysis and modeling – 83%
- Review of retention titles prior to allocation – 71%
Growing the Collective Collection

- Types of institutions prioritized for expansion
  - Collections that expand the diversity of the collective collection – 94%
  - Academic institutions with rare or specialized print monograph collections – 74%
  - Academic institutions with large circulating print monograph collections – 41%

- Additional formats EAST should consider
  - Video recordings – 75%
  - Scores/sheet music – 50%
  - Sound recordings – 50%
Growing the Collective Collection - 2

• Current retention partners likelihood of participation in future collection analysis
  • Very likely – 37%
  • Likely – 25%
  • Somewhat likely – 37%

• Circumstances under which you would be willing to make future commitments
  • For monographs
    • Based on future collection analysis (every 5 years or so) – 61%
    • For titles in subject areas of local importance – 43%
  • For serials/journals
    • Not interested in making further commitments – 50%
    • Only to fill gaps for currently retained titles – 12%
Growing the Collective Collection - 3

- What is important in any future EAST retention model
  - Holdings within the U.S. – 84%
  - Holdings within EAST – 84%
  - Age of the material – 79%
  - Retained by other shared print programs – 75%
  - Aggregate usage history – 74%

- Factors preventing participation in future collection analyses
  - Upfront cost of the tool – 62%
  - Staff time required for the project – 50%
Collaboration with Other Shared Print

- Importance of collaborative initiatives – Important or higher
  - Development of best practices – 100%
  - Joint CDL/CRL/HT project – 87%
  - Expanded access through Rosemont to S/J titles – 75%
  - Rosemont last copy initiative – 75%

- Plus
  - 75% believe any future retention models should take into consideration retentions by other shared print programs
  - 84% believe that expanding shared access to other print programs is a strategy that is important in support of the EAST mission
Future Directions

• Strategies that are important in support of the EAST mission
  • Recruit new retention partners – 90%
  • Facilitate digitization of retained titles in support of expanded access – 88%
  • Facilitate controlled digital lending within EAST – 84%
  • Expand shared access to other shared print programs – 84%
  • Recruit new supporting partners – 81%
  • Expand the scope of EAST retentions to include other materials types – 67%
  • Secure new retention commitments from willing current EAST members – 64%
Miscellaneous Quotes

• “Existence of EAST allows for more strategic collection building”
• “We need reciprocal ILL”
• On EAST documentation: “…The challenge for staff is keeping up with all of it and up to date…”
• On improving EAST communication: “…useful for EAST to offer more personal outreach to members... It would be nice to have a more casual discussion ... about ways we might become more involved or utilize existing tools.”