Discussion Topics

The EAST membership
Our collective collection
Major projects for 2020
  • Collaboration with other shared print programs
  • Program assessment
What’s next for EAST
A reminder
Before I start

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79 academic and research libraries in 13 states

74 Monograph Retention Partners

33 Serials/Journals Retention Partners

5 Supporting Partners

Added in last year:
- 8 from Florida Cohort
- 13 from USMAI
- University of Rhode Island
- Lehigh University
Over 8.6M monograph title holdings representing over almost 10 million volumes

EAST Monograph Retentions

- 50% held by only 1 library
- 45% have digital surrogates in HathiTrust or Internet Archive
- In process of being registered in WorldCat
- Represents >40% of all US monograph commitments excluding HathiTrust
EAST Journals Retentions

- Some 18% held by 3 or fewer libraries
- Registered in Print Archive and Registration Registry (PAPR) database
- Registration in WorldCat from PAPR to commence soon

17,086 titles representing 28,058 holdings
Major projects over the last year

- Continue to **grow EAST membership** – Florida Cohort, URI, USMAI, Lehigh – and the collective collection
- Complete **registration** of serials/journals titles in PAPR
- Begin registration of monographs in **WorldCat**
- Further **collaboration** with Rosemont partners
- Formally joining Partnership for Shared Book Collections
- Finalize plans to **expand** Executive Committee and Operations Committee based on new members
- Develop **program assessment**
EAST’s Financial Soundness

EAST is in **sound financial health:**

- Anticipate a budget surplus for FY21 of at least $15,000 due to lack of travel and reduced in-person member meeting expense
- Current reserve funds at just over $140,000 and will grow in FY22 based on anticipated budget surplus
- FY22 budget will increase slightly to accommodate higher fees for our Gold Rush subscription but travel and in-person meeting expenses likely to remain low
- No membership dues increases anticipated
Monograph Registration in OCLC

Work Ongoing

C1/C2 Lose Access to GG

Jan 31, 2021

Partnership Webinar in the new year
Serials Registration in OCLC
Syncing from PAPR

CRL beginning to sync data from PAPR to OCLC

Questions on Holdings Location Codes
Best Way to Search for EAST Retentions?

EAST retentions database in transition, moving to OCLC data.

Can use Gold Rush! Ask Mei for login information
16 member programs - see https://sharedprint.org/

Major updates:

• Newly elected Executive and Operations Committees and newly appointed part-time Program Coordinator (our own Sara Amato!)
• Extensive set of best practices for shared print
• Engagement in advancing infrastructure for shared print - support of the CRL/CDL/HathiTrust project
• Research into how to determine the number of copies to keep
• Ongoing collaboration with Rosemont, particularly in advocacy for shared print
Of interest to EAST libraries:

- Over **420 participating libraries** in the 16 Partnership programs – see [https://sharedprint.org/members/libraries/](https://sharedprint.org/members/libraries/)

- Focus on the Infrastructure Working Group
  - Resource sharing, including controlled digital lending
  - Strategies and resources for identifying scholarly content not yet committed to retention
  - Feasible approaches to surfacing shared print metadata for discovery
Formed in 2015, as a collaboration of regional programs interested in coordinating their efforts on a larger scale to ensure the retention of and access to print journal backfiles.

https://www.rosemontsharedprintalliance.org/
The Rosemont Alliance defines “New Titles” as the first three journal retention commitments of each unique OCLC number, ISSN, or alternative title-level identifier. Expressed in a different way, a title is considered “New” until the Rosemont Alliance reaches three retention commitments for that title.
Rosemont - Collection Growth

Total copies by Program

- **WEST**: 31,802 (25%)
- **BTAA**: 10,631 (9%)
- **EAST**: 27,363 (22%)
- **Scholars Trust (ASERL/WRLC)**: 23,923 (19%)
- **FLARE**: 31,719 (25%)

Rosemont TOTAL: 125,438
Rosemont - Collection Growth

![Graph showing duplication of collection growth](image)
Rosemont - Future Plans

- Last Known Copy Initiative, titles not currently under retention & only one holder in OCLC
- Collaborating with the Partnership on communications & advocacy
- OCLC registration
- Gap filling policies
- Resource sharing
EAST Program Assessment

- Goals: To understand the importance of the EAST mission to member libraries, evaluate how EAST is doing in support of the mission, and seek input into EAST’s future strategic planning.

- Process: Survey sent to Voting Members and Operational Contacts at member libraries requesting a single institutional response.


Thanks to all who have responded already!
Preliminary Program Assessment Feedback

• The EAST mission – Goals rated as Important, Very Important or Extremely Important
  • Participating in shared print at the national/continental level
    • 96% felt it important and 100% felt EAST was doing well
  • Preserving the print scholarly record
    • 90% felt it important and 96% felt EAST was doing well
  • Ensuring access
    • 89% felt it important but only 76% felt EAST was doing well with 16% who did not know

PAN Forum: https://www.crl.edu/events/pan-ala-midwinter-2021-online
• How EAST and shared print figure in the library’s strategic planning
  • “Shared print and initiatives like EAST figure prominently into strategic and operational planning, allowing strategy around collection building based on availability of print collections in local/national/international networks accessible via resource sharing.”
  • “Shared print is an important part of our strategic framework for preserving the scholarly record as well as enabling us to reduce the size of our open stacks collection to improve its browsability.”
  • “…We know we cannot solve all print collection issues locally.”
Implications for the Future of EAST

• As we expand our membership and the collective collection of EAST
  • 94% saw collections that **expand the diversity** of the EAST collective collection as most important
  • 90% felt recruiting **new Retention Partners** is an important strategy in support of the EAST mission
  • 74% of Retention Partners are Very Likely or Somewhat Likely to participate in **future collection analysis** – depending on cost

• More focus on access
  • 88% saw an important role for EAST in **facilitating digitization** of retained titles in support of expanded access
  • A number of open ended comments focused on the importance of **reciprocal ILL** and need for **improved discoverability**
Implications for EAST’s Project Work

• What we need to continue to do well
  • Communications
    • 100% felt EAST provides proactive, useful communications
    • Email updates, the website and quarterly update webinars most important
  • Recording retention commitments – locally and at the national level

• What we can improve
  • Be wary of the impact on staff time as it can be as or more of an impediment than actual cost
What’s next for EAST

• **Complete** what we have begun
  • WorldCat Registration
  • Work with new members
• Website updates - including **resources for de-accessioning**
• Continued **collaboration** with Rosemont and the Partnership
• Focus on **access** – digitization, discoverability, resource sharing
• Expand membership in a focused manner with the aim of **increasing the diversity** of the collection
• Be ever cognizant of the **impact of EAST’s work on the staff** at member libraries
A request of Voting Members

For Executive Committee and Operations Committee representatives
EAST Member Update

Any questions?
Thank you