

Reconvening the EAST ILL Working Group and Call for Participation
February 2nd, 2022

In 2016, the EAST Project Team received approval from the Executive Committee to convene a working group composed of 6-10 ILL practitioners and decision-makers. This working group developed the EAST [ILL Best Practices](#), one of the program's foundational documents.

Since 2016, new technologies and access and delivery methods have influenced the resource sharing landscape, and it has become increasingly clear that the Best Practices developed by the original Working Group should be re-evaluated. In addition, the recently convened Special Collections Working Group has recommended modifications to EAST's lending to take into consideration the requirements for making special collections materials available through ILL.

The reconvened EAST ILL Working Group is tasked with reviewing the existing [Best Practices](#) document, including suggestions from the Special Collections Working Group. The Working Group will update the current document as appropriate and provide a Revised ILL Best Practices document that addresses changes in resource sharing and broadens the scope to include special collections material. (Note: This assumes that the recommendation of the Special Collections Working Group to offer an opt-in program for including special collections titles in EAST is approved and moves forward.)

Membership in this Working Group includes a number of the original working group members, as well as new participants from the EAST membership and members of the Project Team. In addition, two members of the Special Collections Working Group (SCWG) have volunteered to join this group to provide continuity with the work of the SCWG. The names and affiliations of these EAST library staff are provided below.

The work should take approximately six months to complete, consisting of 1 hour monthly meetings. The Revised Best Practices will be provided to the Executive Committee for review and approval prior to being submitted to the EAST Voting Members for final approval.

The Project Team seeks three additional participants (not limited to resource sharing staff) for the working group. Please contact Susan Stearns (sstearns@blc.org) if interested, by Friday, February 18, 2022.

Current ILL Working Group Members:

- Rachel Manning, Middlebury College
- Angie Batson, Wellesley College
- Dzintra Lacis, Brandeis University
- Ethan Powers, Mount Holyoke College
- Erika McNeil, University of Connecticut
- Lois Black, Lehigh University (also serves on the Special Collections Working Group)
- Rebecca Parmer, University of Connecticut (also serves on the Special Collections Working Group)