



What is EAST?

The Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust is a shared print initiative whose mission is to create a collective collection that secures print monographs and serials in support of teaching, learning, and research. As part of this mission, EAST has created a decentralized repository system, which means that each of its retention partner member libraries agrees to store and make accessible the titles assigned during the collection analysis process. This practice allows member libraries the opportunity to deselect print items knowing that they are maintained at other institutions and trusting that they will be freely available for borrowing when needed by patrons. Libraries that are EAST members are required to retain, loan, and replace items that are designated for retention at their library.

The following list gives important information about retained titles:

- Monograph, journal and serial titles are retained for 15 years (currently through June 30, 2031).
- The EAST retention commitment is reflected in the 583 MARC Field of bib or holdings record.
- EAST Retention commitments can be transferred or reallocated; procedures for doing so are outlined in the Retention FAQ, under the Retention & Access menu on eastlibraries.org
- Member libraries can determine if another institution retains a particular title by searching the database available on the eastlibraries.org homepage. Additional data about the full EAST retained collection is available via [OCLC](https://oclc.org), and the [Gold Rush](https://goldrush.com) and [PAPR](https://papr.com) databases. [Contact the Project Team](#) with any questions.

Why is my institution an EAST member?

Each EAST member joined for a variety of reasons, including wanting to safeguard and provide access to the scholarly record while recognizing that no single institution can do so by itself. EAST allows member libraries to make collection management decisions by taking into account other EAST members' willingness to retain and loan specific titles. Membership in EAST also indicates that an institution is interested in participating and contributing to the broader conversation around issues of shared print, that is taking place at state, regional, national, and international levels.

How does membership in EAST affect my institution?

To preserve the safety net of retentions, EAST members are required to maintain updated retentions information, including metadata, and to participate in the lending network via inter-library loan.

Where can I go if I have questions about EAST?

The EAST website, eastlibraries.org, is your go-to place to find answers. The site provides comprehensive and dynamic FAQs and Best Practices on topics including retention commitments and Interlibrary Loan. It contains a listing of each library's EAST Voting Member and Operational Contact. For additional guidance, contact the EAST Project Team directly.



EAST and Collection Management

The EAST Collective Collection is comprised of over 6,500,000 unique titles and over 9,500,000 volumes held across the 80+ member libraries. The collective collection is a circulating collection, with all materials available for lending and borrowing. The scope of the collection was determined by EAST Working Groups, focusing on pre 2011 print monographs. More information on the scope and retention models of the collection can be found in the [Collection Analysis](#) section of the EASTLibraries.org.

Some EAST institutions have committed to retain titles that are out of scope of their local collection management policies so that others can rely on those commitments when making their own collection development decisions. Member libraries are responsible for continued access to retained titles, which includes repairing or replacing lost or damaged items. See the [Policies section](#) of the EASTLibraries.org website for more information on policies and processes relating to retained titles.

Collection Analysis and Serials/Journals Working Groups

Monograph Collection Analysis and Serials and Journals Working Groups provide input and guidance on collection analysis and curation of the collective collection. These working groups, with input from the membership, arrived at the original retention models and worked with new members to ensure equitable distribution of retained titles throughout all EAST member libraries.

Collection Analysis Access to GreenGlass® and Gold Rush®

Libraries that have a current contract with OCLC for GreenGlass can use it for collection analysis and for searching EAST retentions. All EAST libraries have access to the Gold Rush collection comparison tool, which contains data for all EAST retentions. For login information to Gold Rush please contact the EAST Project Team. EAST retention commitments are [registered with OCLC](#) and thus [visible in several OCLC products](#). Retained serials and journals are also visible in the [Print Archives Preservation Registry \(PAPR\)](#). PAPR also provides a free lightweight on demand [serials collection comparison tool](#).

As members update their holdings, libraries can request reallocation for retained titles that have been lost and cannot be replaced, are out of scope for EAST, or have been moved into non-circulating collections. This reallocation process formally occurs twice during the calendar year.

How do I become personally involved in EAST?

EAST periodically looks for volunteers to serve on its various committees and working groups, and the best way to find out about these opportunities is to receive our emails. Use the [Contact Us form](#) on the EAST website to request to be added to the EAST.Members list-serv.