

Where the Sun Rises
A Newsletter of All Things EAST
May 2026

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Notes from the Director

The EAST Program Team has had a busy Spring as you can see from the length of this newsletter! We are excited to raise our heads from data crunching, policy development, and survey analysis to meet members in real life at upcoming Summer events.

I will be visiting University of Tennessee Knoxville at the end of this month. Site visits like this are a great way for me to learn more about the projects underway at member libraries and how collections work is playing out "on the ground." I've been building these visits into my travel plans whenever possible and have found them invaluable. I'll also be at the PASCAL Member Conference on June 12 where I look forward to meeting a good number of EAST's South Carolina contingent. Interested in me visiting your library or regional conference? [Let's talk!](#)

The entire EAST Program Team (yes, all three of us) will be at ALA Annual in Chicago this June. If you'd like to connect with us during the conference, please reach out via programteam@eastlibraries.org to schedule a time. Or stop us, say hello, and get an EAST sticker when you see us out and about!

Happy Summer!
Tina 😊

Survey of Retention Renewals

Many thanks to all the Retention Partners who answered our recent survey regarding renewal of retentions in 2031. We received 100 responses and were pleased to find that 84% currently plan to renew all, most, or some of their EAST retention commitments with the majority of the remaining respondents saying they don't know yet. Ways of reducing the number of existing retentions was a clear theme in the responses, including condition, outdated materials, and relevance to current curricula as key considerations. If you'd like to hear more about the survey results, you can [view a recording](#) of April's Quarterly Member Update on the EAST website.

As next steps, the Program Team will be meeting with libraries individually to learn more about their specific needs and concerns, which will inform the work of the new Retention Renewals Working Group.

Data Sharing Policy

Your comments on the draft EAST Data Sharing Policy and External Partnership Agreement helped to improve these documents. Thank you for your input!

As EAST considers new partnerships with external organizations, the success of these partnerships may depend on the ability to share bibliographic data about the EAST collective collection. For instance, EAST is exploring the possibility of coordinating a digitization project on behalf of members and partnering with an organization such as Google Books, HathiTrust, or Internet Archive to do so. Another example would be EAST's efforts to improve discovery of and access to the collective collection, which might be enhanced through a partnership with Ex Libris, Index Data, or the IDS Project. The Data Sharing Policy defines ways in which EAST will share bibliographic data collected from member libraries with potential external partners like these to support the work of EAST. Please note, EAST does not collect any patron-related data.

The EAST Board of Directors approved both documents at their April 24 meeting. The approved Data Sharing Policy is posted on the [EAST website](#).

Collection Analysis Service Using Gold Rush

EAST members maintain a database of current retentions in the [Colorado Alliance's Gold Rush Library Content Comparison System](#). EAST is now offering a collection analysis service to members which compares uploaded MARC records to existing EAST retentions. This service is in alignment with the [EAST Strategic Framework](#) pillars of strengthening member collection building strategies and enhancing the value of membership. Members interested in this service should consult the [limitations and faq](#), and fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/UjaR4yFxnKg7ocVp8> to start the process.

Resource Sharing Directory

The [EAST Resource Sharing Directory](#) is now in a 'soft launch' phase. A message was sent to the EAST Resource Sharing email list encouraging members to update their information, which is also partially populated via the Ex Libris Alma Resource Sharing Directory API. The Directory is available to all Partners and is linked off of resourcesharing.eastlibraries.org.

Partners' Resource Sharing Contacts may choose to include their names and work email addresses and/or generic departmental contact information in the Directory and should be aware that this information may be publicly accessible. Data can be updated via the links on <https://eastlibraries.org/member-resources/resource-sharing-directory-edit-urls/>. The password for that page was sent to resource sharing contacts, and may also be obtained by emailing info@eastlibraries.org.

Serials and Journals Updates

The EAST Serials and Journals Working Group has been meeting regularly to review the data provided to us by CRL. As we refine the dataset based on their feedback, we are honing in on what data and tools to provide libraries participating in this project. We expect to be able to report out to the participants mid-summer.

Also of note is CRL's email collection comparison service. Libraries who did not participate in the current serials and journals work but are interested in seeing how their serials stack up against retentions in EAST and other shared print programs may email a list of OCLC numbers and/or ISSNs to awood@crl.edu and request a comparison. Turnaround time is usually less than two business days.

Upcoming Meetings

- May 21, 2026, 11 a.m. - [EAST Onboarding Session for New Library Employees](#)
- June 3, 2026, 10 a.m. - [EAST Alma Community of Interest](#)
- June 16, 2026, 10 a.m. - [EAST Resource Sharing Community of Interest](#)
- June 26, 2026, 9-11:30 a.m. - [Print Archive Network Forum \(PAN\)](#) - both in person and online.

EAST on the Road



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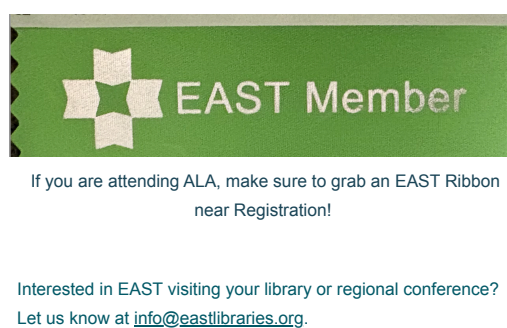
Meet EAST at
ALA Annual!

June 26-27, 2026

Chicago, IL

programteam@eastlibraries.org

Email us to set up a time or find us at the PAN Forum and RUSA Shared Collections Interest Group!



EAST Member

If you are attending ALA, make sure to grab an EAST Ribbon near Registration!

Interested in EAST visiting your library or regional conference? Let us know at info@eastlibraries.org.