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A Newsletter of All Things EAST

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Notes from the Director

The summer is already winding down, and I'm sure many, if not all, have welcomed students back to campus. I hope you all had the opportunity to relax and recharge ahead of the fall semester. Here at EAST we've managed to balance enjoying the summer with making headway on some significant projects, as you'll read below.

One of the more exciting milestones in my book was bringing the team together in person for the first time since I started with EAST two years ago! Sara, Matthew, and I all attended the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago and were happy to see each other, our shared print colleagues, and even a few of our members. Check out EAST on the Road at the end of this newsletter to see where we might pop up next!



Happy Fall!
Tina 🍏

Retention Renewals

As mentioned in the May newsletter, EAST has surveyed the membership on the likelihood of renewing retentions in 2031. The majority of members indicated that they would continue to retain all or most of their existing commitments. The EAST Program Team is following up with members who indicated that they would only be able to continue to retain some of their existing retentions in order to better understand what 'some' means, and the issues around continued retention. EAST will continue to assist members with possible retention removals where appropriate.

Also, a retention renewal working group made up of ten representatives from member libraries has begun meeting monthly to discuss issues impacting retention renewal decisions. These include condition of materials, handling of editions, scope, and balancing local vs collective priorities. The group will continue to meet throughout 2027, with any recommendations being sent to the EAST Board of Directors for review.

Resource Sharing Updates

Initial membership in the EAST Alma Resource Sharing (Peer-to-Peer) / Rapido Hybrid POD (EASTSP) has been finalized and can be seen in the EAST Resource Sharing Directory. Many thanks to Maggie Mason Smith of PASCAL for assisting with the formation of this POD and hosting a [Q&A webinar](#) earlier this month on working with the POD. We've also posted an [FAQ](#) on resourcesharing.eastlibraries.org. Alma Resource Sharing and Rapido members not currently in the POD may join by contact EAST at info@eastlibraries.org.

Serials and Journals Collection Analysis Update

EAST held a [webinar on August 6, 2026](#), to review the results of the Serials and Journals collection analysis. The analysis identified both opportunities for new retention commitments and libraries that hold, but do not currently retain, longer runs of journals already covered by existing EAST retention commitments. Contacts at participating libraries will receive their individual data sheets shortly. EAST asks libraries to review these sheets and identify any potential new retention commitments by the end of the calendar year.

Google Books

In our July quarterly member update we were pleased to welcome Ben Bunnell to talk to us about a possible relationship between EAST and Google Books. Following up on that discussion, we will be distributing a FAQ and Survey where you can express your interest in exploring further involvement. We'll be posting these to the EAST Members Email List ([subscribe](#)), and report out results and next steps at the [annual member meeting](#).

Upcoming Meetings

September 16, 2026, 1 p.m. - [Working with Shared Print in OCLC](#)

September 2, 2026, 10 a.m. - [EAST Alma Community of Interest](#)

October 21, 2026, 9:30 a.m. - Noon - [EAST Annual Member Meeting](#)

EAST on the Road

EAST Director, Tina Baich, and several EAST Board members will be attending the [Charleston Conference](#) in November. If you are interested in touching base, please contact us at info@eastlibraries.org to schedule a time.

At least one EAST board member will also be at the following events. Reach out to us if you are interested in meeting up!

[WOLFCon](#) (August 31-Sept 3)

[Oberlin Group Annual Meeting](#) (September 17-19)

[PALCI 2026 Retreat and Conference](#) (October 13-15)

[Designing Libraries XIII](#) (October 18-20)