



Becoming a Member of EAST

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EAST offers membership for both individual libraries and library groups/consortia. Individual libraries may join as Retention Partners or Supporting Partners. Library consortia may join with a mix of Consortia Retention and Consortia Supporting Partners. The [EAST website](#) provides more details on these membership types. We encourage libraries to join as Retention Partners* whenever possible, but welcome Supporting Partners who share our goals and may become Retention Partners in the future.

Libraries interested in joining EAST:

- are academic or research libraries,
- are located in the Eastern United States (East of the Mississippi),
- agree to execute the [EAST Memorandum of Understanding](#) and to abide by the [EAST Major Operating Policies and Procedures](#),
- commit to pay the annual membership dues, and
- participate as active members of the EAST community, including voting on member issues and operations representation.

Libraries or groups joining as Retention Partners* also:

- have significant or unique monograph collections, which can supplement the existing retention commitments made by EAST members;
- agree to participate in collection analysis of their circulating print collection with the EAST Program Team using the EAST monograph retention commitments as a comparator to their circulating print monograph collections. Options for the collection analysis will be determined in consultation with the library/libraries and the library/libraries will be responsible for payment of one-time fees associated with the collection analysis;
- agree to commit to the retention of monograph titles per the EAST policies and per a retention model that is agreed to between EAST and the library/libraries. This retention model will include at least those titles the library holds that are unique to the EAST collective collection as well as additional copies of titles identified as those frequently used; and
- per the EAST Major Operating Policies and Resource Sharing Best Practices, agree to provide access to their retained titles to other EAST member libraries using standard interlibrary loan.

A library or group of libraries interested in joining EAST should contact the Director who will follow up with any necessary discussions and submit information from the interested library or libraries to the EAST Board of Directors for approval.

*Note: EAST has also completed serials and journals retention projects with commitments of over 37,000 titles. If a library or group is interested in joining subsequent serials and journals projects, please contact the EAST Director.