



EAST

EASTERN ACADEMIC SCHOLARS' TRUST

The Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust works with academic and research libraries to safeguard print books and journals and provide access to them for scholars, students, and faculty.



From the FAQ:

What does an EAST retention commitment mean?

A retention commitment means that the retaining library is committed to retain the title and provide access through June 30, 2031.* This includes replacing the title if lost or damaged.

How do I know what titles are retained?

Monograph retentions are recorded in your local ILS (most likely in a MARC 583 field), Gold Rush **, and discoverable via OCLC's FirstSearch and other products, along with the eastlibraries.org homepage.

Serials retentions are recorded in your ILS, and in the Print Archive and Preservation Registry (PAPR).

*This date may be extended.

**Ask the EAST Project Team for login information.

Retained by Member
Libraries

10M+ Monograph
Holdings

37K+ Serials Title
Holdings

EAST Members Can:

- Borrow materials from their EAST partners, in most cases at no cost
- Withdraw titles that their partners have committed to retain
- Participate in the governance of EAST
- Access and use EAST member training materials and documentation
- Engage in regular update webinars and the annual membership meeting
- Contribute to the protection of the print record through regional and national collaboration

"EAST offers essential assurances to our faculty that we are invested in the print record and ensuring its accessibility to current and future scholars."

--Anna Gold, University Librarian, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
