



Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust Update for the January 2025 PAN Forum

The Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust (EAST) is the collaborative effort of over 170 academic and research libraries to document, protect, and provide long-term access to their print collections.

PALNI Proof of Concept Project

Twenty-four libraries from the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALNI) are participating in a group collection analysis that will explore the relationship between their circulating print collections and the EAST collective collection. This work will allow PALNI to envision what becoming members of EAST might look like both at the individual institution and group level. It is anticipated that this work will take place through the first half of 2025, with records currently being indexed in the Gold Rush collection comparison tool.

Communities of Interest

Beginning early this year EAST will launch two new communities of interest, one centered on [Resource Sharing](#) and a second on [Alma users](#). The intention of these groups is to foster communication between like minded EAST members, share documentation and tips, and advocate for infrastructure improvements.

Collection analysis of 2011-2021 titles

EAST has wrapped up the collection analysis of 2011-2021 titles. Sixty-seven libraries participated in the project, and as a group confirmed approximately 1.8 million retention commitments. This included more than 850,000 titles from [PASCAL libraries](#), and more than 40,000 from Villanova, both of whom analyzed both older and newer materials. For the first time EAST included geographic information when allocating retentions and expects to continue to do so in the future.

University of Delaware officially onboarded

The University of Delaware has completed their EAST collection analysis using OCLC's GreenGlass software and has confirmed EAST retentions on approximately 180,000 titles. Welcome!

Annual Member Meeting - link to recording

EAST held its annual member meeting on October 22nd which featured program updates, as well as lightning talks, breakout rooms, and a keynote address from Heather Weltin, Content & Data Management Lead and Shared Print Program Officer at HathiTrust and member of the Shared Print Partnership Executive Committee. The main room updates and keynote were [recorded and are available on the EAST website](#).

OC Election Results

EAST would like to welcome two new members to the EAST Operations Committee, Tari Smith, Director of Resource Sharing & Document Delivery Services at the University of Virginia and Shoko Tokoro, Electronic & Continuing Resources Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. They will each serve a two-year term.