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Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust Update for the June 2023 PAN Forum

The Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust (EAST) is the collaborative effort of over 130 academic and research libraries to document, protect, and provide long-term access to their print collections.

EAST is pleased to announce that it is now an independent 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in Massachusetts. As of May 31, 2023, EAST completed the transition from the fiscal sponsorship relationship with the Boston Library Consortium (BLC), which had supported EAST since its founding in 2015/2016. Many thanks to the BLC for their support over the years, and to the EAST Board of Directors for shepherding the organization through this transition.

Onboarding Consortia

EAST continues work on the collection analysis and retention proposals with the 11 new Consortia Retention Partners from Virginia's Academic Library Consortium (VIVA) and another 11 from the Consortium of UNC Shared Print (CUSP). This work is ongoing and has highlighted some of the pain points of working both with bigger data sets and smaller libraries facing staffing shortages. It is anticipated that this work will continue throughout the calendar year, and will result in a significant increase in the number of EAST retentions. EAST also welcomed an additional 30 Consortia Supporting Partners joining through VIVA who now become a part of the EAST Lending Network.

New Individual Library Members

EAST welcomes Bowdoin College, who will be officially joining as of July 1, 2023. They will be conferring their Maine Shared Collections retained titles to EAST, which consist of approximately 236,000 monograph and 1,300 journal titles.

Collection analysis of 2011-2021 titles

Forty-three current EAST retention partners have signed on to participate in a collection analysis of titles published or acquired from 2011-2021, as the EAST collection analysis work conducted to date has only included titles through 2010. The libraries are in the process of submitting catalog extracts with the expectation that this work will take place in the fall and winter of 2023/24. A working group is currently being formed to discuss the parameters of the project.

Internet Archive Pilot

This pilot project to explore identifying and exposing digital surrogates of public domain retention commitments has concluded. While identifying digital surrogates was fairly successful, obtaining MARC records for these digital copies to link for discovery proved more problematic. The pilot project libraries did explore turning on existing digital collections in their discovery layers when possible. EAST will be reporting out the results of the pilot at the July member update webinar and hopes to continue to investigate the most effective ways to link digital content to retained titles in the EAST collective collection.

[IMLS Grant with SCEL](#)

The [Expanding Diversity and Inclusivity in the Collective Collection of Shared Print](#) grant is completing its initial work with the Community Council to review the perceived value of shared print to Minority Serving Institutions (MS's) and barriers to participation. The results of this work will inform outreach efforts to bring on board additional HBCU and HSI institutions to join SCEL and EAST in the coming months. Work on the research side of the grant has accelerated this year with pilot projects established with both EBSCO for their Panorama service and OCLC for the new Choreo service, both of which will be managed through SCEL. Later this summer the Community Council will meet to review the research methodology as well as the planned MSI outreach.

Annual Member Meeting

The annual EAST member meeting will take place virtually on October 4, 2023 from 2-4 pm Eastern. A planning group has been formed to craft the agenda. If there are particular topics that you'd like to see discussed, please send them to samato@eastlibraries.org. All are welcome to attend ([registration](#)).

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