Onboarding Webinar for New Staff at EAST Member Libraries

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What is Shared Print?

Shared Print and Shared Print Programs are collaborations among libraries and groups of libraries to distribute the responsibility for protecting and preserving print collections, allowing partner libraries to repurpose library space while making available the program’s collective collection to local faculty, students and scholars.

By working together, libraries can collect and maintain curated sets of print books and journals which are broadly useful and make them collectively available to readers.
The EAST Mission

Securing the scholarly record in support of teaching, learning and research

Goals: Maximize retention commitments and facilitate access
Some EAST Definitions:

**Retention Partners:** Dues paying member institutions who agree to keep and provide access to titles they were allocated to retain during their collection analysis process. Can be individual or consortia.

**Supporting Partners:** Dues paying member institutions who support and value the work of EAST but cannot commit to retain titles; they are represented in EAST’s governance. Can be individual or consortia.

**Retained/Retention Commitments:** Titles libraries agree to keep on and loan (or otherwise provide access to) in order to preserve the scholarly record.

**Disclosure/Registration:** The act of updating the records of retained titles by incorporating a “Committed to Retain” note in the MARC 583 field. This is done in the institution’s ILS, in OCLC, and in PAPR (for serials/journals retentions) and facilitates discovery of shared print retentions.
100+ Members in 15 States

Most are Monograph Retention Partners

32 Serials and Journals Partners

Over 10 million monographs currently retained

Over 37,000 serials and journals currently retained

Retention commitments registered in WorldCat and the PAPR databases

Member of the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance

Founding member of the Partnership for Shared Book Collections

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The EAST Business Model

EAST member libraries pay an annual membership fee based on collection size (at the time of joining). Consortia discounts are available when libraries join together.

In addition to the annual operating budget, EAST maintains a reserve fund to facilitate subsidy of collection analysis work and support special projects approved by the Board of Directors.

The Boston Library Consortium is EAST’s fiscal agent providing financial services support and an administrative “home”. EAST has just completed work to incorporate as a separate 501(c)(3) and will be transitioning from this relationship as of June 1, 2023. Look for further information from us!

EAST staff work virtually with the Project Director who reports to the EAST Board of Directors.
Major Policies and Procedures

All of EAST’s collection analysis and retention work is guided by the EAST Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which is signed by all member libraries.

Also on the eastlibraries.org website - will be updated in June to reflect new organizational status

• General Governance Policies
• EAST Members’ Rights and Responsibilities
• Major Operating Policies
  • Supplemented by documentation on replacing retention commitments for lost, missing or damaged items and Best Practices for Inter-Library Loan
  • Includes an FAQ on common questions relating to retention commitments
EAST Governance: Your Opportunity

Board of Directors

- Governing body
- Nominated by the membership
- Representative by type and size of library
- Staggered two year terms

Operations Committee (OC)

- Charged with addressing issues relating to operationalizing EAST policies
- Nominated by the membership
- Representative by type and size of library
- Staggered two year terms

Working Groups – Ad hoc representative groups focused on specific aspects of a project – e.g. Collection Analysis Working Group, Resource Sharing Working Group.
Monographs Collection Analysis and Retention Model

Retention Partners joining EAST carry out a collection analysis using one of two tools: GreenGlass (from OCLC) or Gold Rush (from the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries). The first 60 libraries to join EAST used GreenGlass; since then some new members have preferred to use Gold Rush for their collection analysis.

During this process, libraries:

- Load their MARC records into the tools (can include only circulating collections/locations).
- Compare their local records to the EAST collective collection of retention commitments to determine uniqueness and overlap resulting in a retention model for the library’s collection.
- Review an initial allocations list that includes the titles they are asked to retain and finalize their local retention commitments.
- Register commitments in the appropriate data bases.
The retention model has evolved to reflect the size of EAST and to take into consideration the results of our validation sampling with Cohorts 1 and 2. The basic model is as follows, adapted to the tool libraries choose to use:

- Retain all scarcely held – includes unique titles and those with limited holdings in WorldCat (if comparison with WorldCat is feasible)
- Retain up to 5 of frequently used – based on aggregation of usage for Cohorts 1 and 2
- Retain an additional copy of titles published pre-1900 (based on validation research on condition)
- Exclude “ephemera” and limited to titles published prior to 2011*

* To be updated with collection analysis work in 2023
Serials and Journals

- Thirty-two of the EAST members are Serials and Journals Retention Partners. Two retain only serials titles.
- The journal collection analysis was carried out with the support of the Center for Research Libraries, which worked with the EAST Project Team to develop a phased methodology to identify titles held by 4-6 participating libraries, then 7-28, and lastly, titles held by 3 or fewer libraries. This work yielded ~27K retained titles.
- Subsequent participation in the Rosemont Last Known Copy Initiative have increased this number to over 37K holdings.

Details of this work can be found in the EAST Serials & Journals Collection Analysis and Retention Modeling 2016-2019 document.
EAST Collective Collection

**Literature, Social Sciences, Fine Arts**

- Just over 27% classed to P - Language & Literature
- Almost 13% to H - Social Sciences
- 10.5% to D - World History (Ex. Americas)
- 9.4% to B - Philosophy, Psychology, Religion
- 5.2% to N - Fine Arts

**Science and Technology**

- 6.5% to Q - Science
- 4% to T - Technology
Strategic Directions for EAST

• **Support the collection building and management strategies of member libraries**
  • Current progress: Plans for 2023 group wide collection analysis work
• **Ensure flexible and sustainable pathways to membership**
  • Current progress: New Consortia Supporting Partner model and work with SCELC on IMLS grant
• **Secure EAST’s organizational sustainability**
  • Current progress: Work to incorporate
• **Expand opportunities for member libraries to contribute to the EAST collective collection**
Ongoing EAST Work

- Work with North Carolina and VIVA libraries on collection analysis - January through the fall
- Complete planning for a group-wide collection analysis project in 2023 - late winter/spring
- Ongoing registration of new commitments in OCLC and PAPR
- Collaboration with the Partnership for Shared Book Collections (monographs) and the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance (serials/journals)
- Transition to separate legal entity - through May, 2023
Recording Retentions in 583 field

Shared Print Programs use the 583 field to record retentions.

583 1b |a committed to retain |c 20160630 |d 20310630 |f EAST
|u http://eastlibraries.org/retained-materials |5 MeWC

ILS-specific instructions on the EAST 583 Working Group website.
Make sure you know where to find commitments in your local ILS.
Shared Print in OCLC

OCLC SHARED PRINT SOLUTIONS
Functionality across services

WorldShare® Record Manager
Edit Shared Print commitment

Webinars on ways to register
Shared Print and Working with
Shared Print in OCLC

https://help.oclc.org/Metadata_Services/Shared_Print
Finding EAST Commitments

**Monograph & Serial Commitments:**

- **OCLC** - Connexion, Record/Collection Manager, FirstSearch and various APIs. See "Functionality across services" doc.

- **Searchbox** available from the homepage of eastlibraries.org - Data pulls from the OCLC API.

- **Gold Rush** - contact me (samato@blc.org) if you need a login. Data is updated yearly. Serials will be added.

- **GreenGlass** - If your library maintains a subscription you can search EAST retention commitments in GreenGlass. Data is updated regularly.

**Serials Commitments Only:**

- **Print Archives Preservation Registry (PAPR)**

  Note that PAPR also hosts a Collection Comparison Tool which allows for an upload of a list of local record numbers to generate an instant comparison with the PAPR archived titles registry.
Reallocation Process

Twice yearly call for libraries to request reallocation of retained titles that can no longer be retained (because they are out of scope - in which case the retention is removed and not reallocated,- due to loss, change in lending status, etc).

Once a year, we send out to the libraries the lists of titles that have been requested for reallocation and which are held (but not retained) at other EAST libraries.

Libraries then let us know if they can retain those new titles and update their ILS and WorldCat accordingly. These changes would also be reflected in the annual Gold Rush data update request.

FORM for reporting Out of Scope and Reallocation Requests
Resource Sharing through EAST

EAST Lending Network

Resource Sharing Best Practices

Most libraries lend at no charge

- Rapid EAST pod - for Rapid ILL and Rapid Returnables
- EAST OCLC GAC

ILL representation on the EAST Operations Committee

Looking into how to further enable and encourage discovery and access to the EAST “collective collection”
Collection Analysis Update

• Group collection analysis project focused on newer monograph titles (acquired between 2011 and 2021).
• Anticipate kicking off the project in the spring of 2023 and hope to be able to start the collection analysis work in the third quarter of 2023.
• EC approved using Gold Rush tool to support the analysis.
• 40+ libraries have confirmed their participation in the analysis.
• Project Team will confirm exact costs & schedule a meeting to discuss next steps.
17 Member Programs across 42 states and provinces representing 359 participating libraries

Coordinating collaboration for the protection of print books
A venue for sharing expertise, research, advocacy and work at scale
Focus on making shared print equitable, responsible, and sustainable

https://sharedprint.org/
Current and Future Partnership Initiatives

• Shared Print Toolkit and Best Practices
• Communicating about weeding
• Risk research on optimal number of copies to retain
• Pilot research project with OCLC to investigate shared print holdings by subject area
• How can shared print provide a further safety net should member libraries be unable to continue to commit to retentions?
• Continued advocacy on the value of shared print through communications efforts and ROI tools
Formed in 2015, as a collaboration of regional programs interested in coordinating their efforts on a larger scale to ensure the retention of and access to print journal backfiles.

https://www.rosemontsharedprintalliance.org/
Total Holdings by Program
(November 2022)

- **Rosemont Total:** 210,962
- **CRL:** 52,252 (25%)
- **WEST:** 35,222 (17%)
- **BTAA:** 9,982 (5%)
- **EAST:** 36,887 (17%)
- **Flare:** 43,668 (21%)
- **Scholars Trust (ASERI/WRLC):** 31,951 (15%)
Impact of Rosemont on EAST - Retention

• Reduce retention commitments for our members by excluding titles already committed by fellow Rosemont participating libraries

• Reciprocal retention agreement:

  “whereby all participants in the Rosemont Alliance agree and affirm that all holdings retained by their respective programs are also retained under the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance and, by definition, subject to the Rosemont shared policies or guidelines, including the Access Principles”
Impact of Rosemont on EAST - Access

• Guaranteed access to over 210,000 titles retained by fellow Rosemont libraries

  “Participants agree to make Rosemont Alliance archived materials available to other Rosemont members. Archived material is eligible for lending to institutions outside of the Alliance per the holding library’s lending relationships and policies.”

• Last Copy Agreement to provide guidance to libraries about what to do when a last or scarcely held backfile is detected in a collection
Impact of Rosemont on EAST - Advocacy, Shared Expertise & Tools

• Advocacy with OCLC & CRL on registration service for journal commitments & collection analysis tools
• Shared expertise e.g. recording commitments in ILS
• Communicating the value of shared print
• Access to online JRNL journal gap filling tool (cost covered by EAST) https://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/JRNL
• Supporting the development of the PAPR Collection Comparison Tool http://papr.crl.edu/tools/compare
PAN, a free biannual forum for all things shared print print related.

Join the PAN listserv and view material from previous forums: https://www.crl.edu/programs/print-archive-network-forum-pan
Communications with EAST members

• EAST members email list - contact samato@blc.org to join
• Operational contact, voting member, and billing contact for each library or group
• Quarterly member update webinars
• Annual member meeting
• Onboarding sessions as needed for new staff members
• Website: eastlibraries.org
“By creating a collaborative collection which elevates the concept of a library collection to scale above a single institution, shared print programs help research libraries to fulfill their mission to preserve the scholarly record in an era of changing usage, limited funding, and space constraints.”
Onboarding Documentation

EAST has an abundance of documentation on the website, including onboarding documentation and information geared towards the following staff groups:

- Administrators
- Collections
- Resource Sharing, which includes links to the Best Practices
- Technical Services

*all these resources are available via eastlibraries.org/member-resources or directly at eastlibraries.org/onboarding.*
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.

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 monographs are retained?
Retentions are recorded in your local ILS (most likely in a MARC 583 field), Gold Rush**, and OCLC’s FirstSearch.

*This date may be extended.
**Ask the Project Team for login information.

The value of EAST

“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
Thank you.