

EAST Resource Sharing Task Force

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Charge: One of the major themes from the 2023 EAST Member Meeting was discussion concerning ways EAST could improve communications and documentation around resource sharing and Inter-library loan, in order for all EAST members to be aware of their responsibilities for lending materials across the EAST resource sharing network. To further this work the EAST Program Team recommends that a Resource Sharing Task Force be convened.

Background: The EAST Resource Sharing Task Force, would be a new group, but members of the previous Resource Sharing Working Group will be invited to serve on the new Resource Sharing Task Force. The previous Resource Sharing Working Group was an ad-hoc working group that had a specific charge to update the Resource Sharing Best Practices which was completed in 2022, and the group hasn't been operational since that time. The Task Force (TF) will replace the working group and have a short-term charge to investigate the questions listed below, including the need for both a EAST Resource Sharing Community of Practice and a Resource Sharing Directory.

Deliverables: EAST Resource Sharing Task Force will submit a set of recommendations on these questions to both the EAST Operations Committee and Board of Directors. Questions to be considered as part of these investigations include:

- How can EAST best keep Resource Sharing staff informed on issues related to them, particularly when EAST adds new members? What do they need to know?
- Does adding symbols to the OCLC GAC and adding to the Rapid POD suffice? Or should EAST create and manage a Resource Sharing Directory? What information would be in the directory? How would it relate to the OCLC directory and/or other ILL directories? How would information be gathered and maintained, and by whom? Where would it be accessible (open on the web)?
- If recommended, what would the charge and membership of an EAST Shared Print Resource Sharing Community of Practice be?
- Have any updates been made to the U.S. Code for ILL, and does that impact EAST's [Resource Sharing Best Practices](#) in any way?

Membership:

The Task Force will consist of continuing members of the Resource Sharing Working Group and will be expanded to include representation from both newer EAST members and individuals who have previously expressed interest in supporting EAST's resource sharing efforts. By

expanding the membership of the task force in addressing these questions, the EAST Program Team hopes that the needs of smaller, less well resourced institutions will be reflected in the Task Force's recommendations.

Commitment: It is anticipated the commitment will be a one hour meeting, monthly for six months.

Timeline: The Task Force will be charged in December 2023 and complete its work by May 2024.

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