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The Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust is a member organization of 80+ academic and research libraries located from Florida to Maine, dedicated to developing a well-managed, distributed collective collection of scholarly print resources. EAST saves library costs, supports library decision-making, and secures scholarship for the future.

EAST changes the conversation on campuses - from withdrawing books to working collectively to ensure the protection of the print scholarly record.

Membership in EAST assures that unique, scarcely held, and frequently used print books and journals will continue to be retained regionally and made accessible to users, even as libraries need to downsize their own local collections.

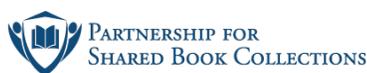
EAST gives libraries the flexibility and data they need to manage their collections as part of a larger collective collection and to reallocate financial resources.

With the high value of central campus library spaces and the high cost of adding remote storage facilities, membership in EAST gives libraries a “third way” when faced with the choice to withdraw or store collections offsite. Member institutions can readily analyze the uniqueness of their own print holdings and determine whether other libraries have committed to retaining and sharing them. When EAST partners have committed to retaining copies, other libraries can withdraw their print holdings with confidence that the titles are being retained for preservation and future access.



EAST gives members a strong voice in creating shared print and data networks, expanding collaboration to the national level

EAST's advocacy and influence were instrumental in ensuring that sharing data from libraries about their retention commitments be done openly, at no extra cost to libraries. EAST has partnered to test and develop low-cost models for analyzing libraries' print holdings, making these services accessible to more libraries. As a founding member of the Partnership for Shared Book Collections, EAST has contributed to the development of best practices for shared print. Our participation in the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance ensures that any EAST library can borrow serials and journals from more than 180 other members. These – and other collaborations across the shared print landscape - further the goal of firmly embedding shared print into the lifecycle of collection management in academic and research libraries.



For more information on EAST please visit www.eastlibraries.org or contact the EAST Project Director at sstearns@blc.org

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