



# EAST

# EASTERN ACADEMIC SCHOLARS' TRUST

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***EAST is an independent, non-profit organization with 170+ member academic and research libraries located from Maine to Florida, EAST and its members are dedicated to securing the print scholarly record in support of teaching, learning, and research through the development of a well-managed, distributed collective collection. EAST supports data-informed decision making and secures scholarship for the future.***

## **EAST changes the conversation on campuses.**

Shift the conversation from withdrawing books to working collectively in order to protect the print scholarly record and ensure your campus constituents maintain access to it.

*Membership in EAST ensures 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 supports data-informed decision making.**

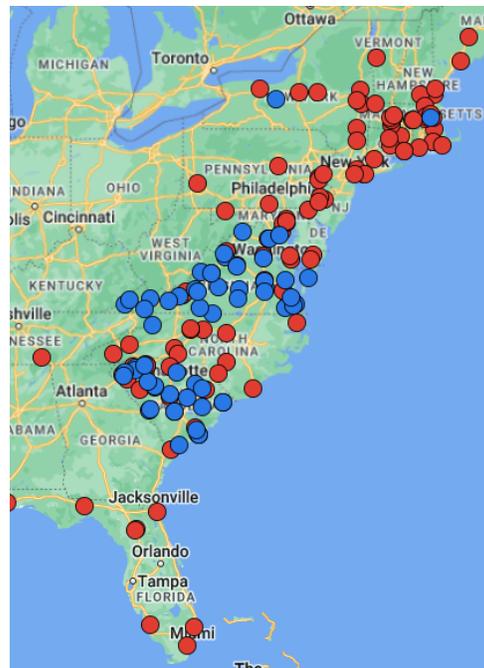
Participation in collection analyses that support collection management and resource reallocation is a key aspect of membership in EAST.

*When facing space and/or financial pressures, EAST Libraries can use their collection analysis data to identify what is truly unique in their collections as well as collection gaps based on current curricula, and make data-informed de-selection decisions. EAST Libraries can also readily see what their partners have committed to retain, giving them confidence that items withdrawn or not purchased are being retained for preservation and future access.*

## **EAST gives members a strong voice.**

Membership in EAST provides access to 170+ member libraries as well as the resources of the national [Shared Print Partnership](#).

*EAST's advocacy is instrumental to improving shared print practice and infrastructure. EAST helped ensure that retention commitment data is shared openly, at no extra cost to libraries, and partnered to test and develop low-cost models for collection analysis, making these services accessible to more libraries. Through participation in the Partnership for Shared Book Collections and Rosemont Shared Print Alliance (now the [Shared Print Partnership](#)), EAST contributes to development of shared print best practices and ensures EAST Libraries can borrow serials and journals from more than 180 other Rosemont participants. Collaboration across the shared print landscape furthers the goal of firmly embedding shared print into the collection management lifecycle in academic and research libraries.*



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