



Rosemont Shared Print Alliance Update

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The Rosemont Shared Print Alliance is a collaboration of regional shared print journal programs interested in coordinating their efforts on a larger scale to ensure the retention of and access to print journal backfiles. Current participants include the Big Ten Academic Alliance, the Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust, the Florida Academic Repository, Scholars Trust, and the Western Regional Storage Trust.

Recent Activities

- **Collection Growth:** Rosemont has a goal of retaining 100,000 new print journal backfiles by 2021. An analysis of current holdings in each program's archives reveals that Rosemont has made excellent progress on this goal, and has retained nearly 89,000 new¹ titles. EAST is currently in the process of disclosing several thousand more retention commitments to PAPR, meaning that the Rosemont total is actually higher than the currently available data indicate.
- **Reciprocal Retention:** The participating programs have formally agreed that all holdings retained under the individual programs are also automatically retained under the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance and are subject to Rosemont policies and guidelines, including the Access Principles.
- **Last Copy Agreement and Donation/Transfer process:** The Rosemont Operations Committee has drafted guidelines for managing titles determined to be "last copies" to ensure that they are retained, including a process for donating or transferring volumes to another institution for archiving in cases where the original owning library is not able to retain it. These guidelines have been approved by the Rosemont Executive Committee and are in the process of regional program ratification.
- **Decision support service (DSS) tools:** The DSS working group reviewed the functional capability of five existing tools as well as rough time and cost estimates for two of them. The findings were presented to the Rosemont Executive Committee, which recommended exploring development of a more widely applicable tool that could support a variety of programs and initiatives on an ongoing basis.
- **Shared policies:** A small group of Rosemont Operations Committee members reviewed best practices for metadata, validation, and condition, initially drafted by the Partnership for Shared Book Collections with the intent of bringing best practices for both monographs and serials shared print into alignment.

Upcoming Work

- Ratify Last Copy Agreement
- DSS Tools
- Shared policies
- Last Copy Initiative
 - Storage partners
- Engagement with other programs
- Shared print advocacy

¹ 'New' titles, for the purpose of tracking Rosemont's growth, include the first three copies of each unique OCLC number, ISSN, or alternative title-level identifier (expressed in a different way, a title as defined above is considered "new" until the Alliance reaches three copies).