

JRNL: Journal Retention and Needs Listing

A Software Tool for Print Journal Archives

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Background

Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (**ASERL**) and the Washington Research Library Consortium (**WRLC**) have a collaborative print journal archiving project: **Scholars Trust**

- Established in 2013
- 29 ASERL participants (including UF and Miami)
- 9 WRLC participants
- ASERL titles held in multiple locations with varying conditions of storage and use
- WRLC titles held at a central high density facility in Maryland

Background, continued

Scholars Trust provides:

- Retention commitments through December 31, 2035
- Synchronized archiving policies for print journals
- Opportunities for participating libraries to make long-term collection decisions based on the combined archival holdings
- No-fee, priority service for resource sharing (ILL) requests from participating libraries
- Information at <http://www.aserl.org/programs/j-retain/>

Background, continued

Libraries in the State University System (SUS) of Florida and the University of Miami are building a shared collection called **FLARE: Florida Academic Repository**

- Offsite storage in Gainesville managed by UF
- Journals, monographs and government documents included
- Shared policy development and funding
- Information at: <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/flare/Index.aspx>

Journals retained in the **FLARE** collection are also being contributed to the **Scholars Trust**

Background, continued

The Western Regional Storage Trust (**WEST**) is a distributed retrospective print journal repository program serving research libraries, college and university libraries, and library consortia in the Western Region of the United States

- Established in 2011 and supported by 109 academic libraries in 18 states
- 30 institutions are **WEST** Archive Holders
- Utilizes the AGUA Decision Support Center (on top of CRL's PAPER Collections Analysis system) to make selection/retention decisions
- Information at <http://www.cdlib.org/services/west/>

JRNL Tool

To avoid duplicative entry into databases for its two journal archiving programs, UF developed software that would serve both **Scholars Trust** and **FLARE** --> **JRNL: Journal Retention and Needs Listing**

The purpose is to track archived titles and identify missing volumes to facilitate filling gaps

It is open source software, available for modification and use by others

JRNL Tool, continued

Record ISSN, title, holdings, circumstances of storage and conditions of use for archived journals

Identify missing volumes (gaps)

Support journal weeding projects

- **Upload list of titles to be weeded**
- **Receive report of titles already in storage with circumstances/conditions of use (circulation status, etc.)**
- **Receive report of missing volumes to fill gaps**

JRNL Tool, continued

Current Status (January 2016):

- 22,416 unique ISSNs/titles
- 8,735 held by two or more libraries
- 58% from **FLARE**; 22% from **Scholars Trust**; 20% from **WEST**
- 7,345 active gap records from 1,708 unique titles
- 288 gaps filled since July 1, 2014

JRNL Tool, continued

Use of JRNL by WEST:

- Western Regional Storage Trust (**WEST**) adopted **JRNL** in 2015 to facilitate gap filling (needs and offers) in many-to-many library relationships
- **WEST** Archive Holders are exporting pre-formatted title and gap reports from AGUA (**WEST's** decision support tool) to **JRNL**
- **WEST** has added records for 6,232 titles to **JRNL**

JRNL Tool, continued

Governance:

- Oversight Committee formed in 2015 with representatives from **FLARE**, **Scholars Trust** and **WEST** to develop policies and guide the development of and participation in **JRNL**
- Maintenance costs shared by **FLARE**, **Scholars Trust** and **WEST**
- Major enhancements voted on and funded through this same process

JRNL Tool, continued

Software Enhancements:

- Subject headings field added
- Using the OCLC number to identify journals without an ISSN currently under discussion
- Already over 400 titles in **Scholars Trust** without ISSN numbers
- Considering changes in gap identification and filling to encourage more active use

Additional Information:

- LibGuide at <http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/JRNL>

JRNL Challenges & Opportunities

Allow access to **JRNL** for Libraries outside the participating consortia for collection development

- Allow external libraries to pull reports for their own weeding/analysis
- Accept gap filling from external libraries

Support **JRNL** relationship to **CRL/PAPR**

- **CRL** extracted records from **JRNL** and imported them to **PAPR**
- **CRL** identified records to be corrected and **JRNL** participants are reviewing them

JRNL Challenges & Opportunities, continued

Level of individual commitment differs among archiving programs and participating libraries

- Data in **JRNL** is only as good as the records used to create the database
- Staff available to work with **JRNL** at each institution varies significantly
- Commitment to verify/update holdings varies significantly
- Commitment to funding expanded efforts varies significantly

Special Projects Using JRNL

Agriculture Journals in **Scholars Trust**:

- 10 Land Grant Universities in **ASERL** and the **National Agricultural Library** collaborating to document archiving commitments
- 1,000+ journals in agriculture and related fields identified
- Commitments for 747 agricultural titles entered into **JRNL**
 - 228 titles held by only one library
 - 524 held by two or more libraries
- Includes some agricultural titles from libraries in **WEST, WRLC** and several non-Land Grant Universities from **ASERL**

Special Projects Using JRNL, continued

Architecture Journals in **Scholars Trust**:

- 18 **ASERL** members collaborating to establish archiving commitments for architecture and related disciplines (led by UVA and UF)
- ~100 initial titles identified and being assessed by participants

Special Projects Using JRNL, continued

Other Discipline-Specific Collections in **FLARE** (with expected expansion to **Scholars Trust**):

- Law (led by Miami)
- Medicine/Health (led by USF and UF)
- Interest expressed for projects in Music and Marine Sciences
- Suggestions (and leadership) for other topical collections are welcome

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