Scholars Trust represents the shared print archives of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) and the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC).

Scholars Trust libraries manage their journal retention commitments in the JRNL (Journal Retention and Needs Listing) software hosted by the University of Florida. For more information regarding JRNL please see the Scholars Trust program page at www.scholarstrust.org.

Participating ASERL libraries – Scholars Trust has grown in number this year with the addition of four new ASERL participants, identified below:

1. Auburn University
2. Clemson University
3. College of William & Mary
4. Duke University
5. East Carolina University
6. Emory University
7. Georgia Institute of Technology
8. Johns Hopkins University (new as of July 1, 2015)
9. Louisiana State University
10. Mississippi State University
11. National Agriculture Library (Program Affiliate, new)
12. North Carolina State University
13. Tulane University
14. University of Alabama
15. University of Florida
16. University of Georgia (new)
17. University of Kentucky
18. University of Louisville
19. University of Memphis
20. University of Miami (new)
21. University of Mississippi
22. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
23. University of North Carolina, Greensboro
24. University of South Carolina
25. University of Tennessee
26. University of Virginia
27. Virginia Commonwealth University
28. Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
29. Wake Forest University

Participating WRLC libraries:

1. American University
2. The Catholic University of America
3. Gallaudet University
4. George Mason University
5. George Washington University
6. Georgetown University
7. Howard University
8. Marymount University
9. The University of the District of Columbia

Program Highlights -

- **In February 2015, the National Agriculture Library (NAL)** became ASERL’s first-ever Program Affiliate. Through this agreement, NAL joins Scholars Trust to retain approximately 875 important agriculture-related print journals.

- **Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST)** – The memorandum of Agreement between ASERL, the University of Florida and WEST has been completed for the use of JRNL to manage WEST’s holdings information. Arizona State University and Stanford University are serving as JRNL pilot sites, loading approximately 2,100 holdings records to date.

- **The Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC)** has imported approximately 4,925 holdings records into JRNL.
• JRNL Highlights –
  o Four Archiving Programs (FLARE, ASERL, WRLC, and WEST) use JRNL, with 39 registered institutions.
  o JRNL contains 17,641 records for unique ISSN/Titles of which 6,484 are held by two or more libraries. Note - multiple commitments do not indicate redundancy in holdings, as institutions may not retain the same dates/volumes, and gaps may be present.
• Software Enhancements – Two enhancements are in process - incorporating LC Class headings into JRNL records/search options, and a process to allow the OCLC number to serve as the identifying element in the absence of an ISSN. There are approximately 470 titles which remain to be loaded to JRNL due to the lack of an ISSN. These enhancements are expected to be completed in late July.
• Data Integrity Pilot – Scholars Trust contributes JRNL records to CRL’s PAPR database (Print Archive and Preservation Registry). As part of the ingest process, CRL has identified records which may contain non-standard data elements. Scholars Trust libraries have agreed to review and correct the records as necessary. A pilot test of this process is expected to take place in July.
• Local Holdings Records (LHRs) – Participating institutions have committed to create/maintain LHRs in their local catalog for all retained titles by December 31, 2016. To assist in meeting this goal, CRL has offered to generate LHRs from the records contributed from JRNL to PAPR. Scholars Trust libraries are currently evaluating how they can make use of these records.
• A publicly-accessible list of titles retained under this agreement is maintained on the program website so others can easily access the information. www.scholarstrust.org

Retention Initiatives –
• WRLC approves MOU on Print Monograph Retention - The Provosts of eight of the universities in the WRLC signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Shared Collection Print Retention that will ensure that the WRLC libraries:
  o retain 2.4 million pre-2005 monographic titles for which the WRLC has one or two copies.
  o retain the approximately 250,000 monographs, published prior to 2005, for which there are ten or fewer copies in the United States listed in WorldCat.
Beginning with the adoption the WRLC shared copy policy for print journals in 2008, the WRLC has been taking steps to create a truly shared collection. A Shared Collections Vision and Mission approved in 2014, a collection analysis by Sustainable Collection Services and the long term agreements on retention and shared resource commitments represented in the MOU are creating a right-scaled, coordinated collective print collection to ensure continued access to research materials for students and scholars.
• ASERL Reciprocal Reference Services Pilot – This pilot has identified a core collection of print reference materials and participants agree to provide expert reference services for these titles. This is a focused extension to the print retention program - an attempt to determine if the program can expand from a focus on sharing content to sharing service expertise. In the past few months, ASERL libraries have finalized MOUs with participants, started to build-out complete runs of reference titles, and have added one new participant (College of William & Mary).
• Subject-Specific Journal Collections – To date, ASERL libraries have committed to retain 748 of 1,052 titles identified as “core” Agriculture-related journals. This does not include titles from the National Agricultural Library. ASERL libraries are also developing core titles lists for Architecture and Law as new subject-based journal collections. Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, and Marine Science have been suggested for future projects.

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