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Shared Print Trust Report

The Shared Print Trust Management Committee manages and reports on the operations and projects of the CNY Shared Print Trust.

The CNY Shared Print Trust Management Committee will:

- Assess the effectiveness of the shared print trust program;
- Track developments and emerging trends in this field and share new ideas about best practices with the CNY community;
- Coordinate and communicate retention and review decisions for each CNY Trust project;
- Form sub-committees and/or project task forces as needed to work on specific projects and functions related to the CNY Shared Print Trust.

The Committee surveyed the collection managers at CNY libraries in January 2019 to find out their opinions on the usefulness and impact of the "Pod 1" Shared Print program, and to consider the relationship between Pod 1 libraries and CNY members participating in EAST's Shared Print Program. Responses were received from all Pod 1 members.

The survey results indicate:

1. Many libraries have done some or extensive weeding that was all guided by the retention notes and Last Copy Guidelines of the Shared Print Trust Program.
2. Retention commitments are not consistently recorded in the various library systems, i.e., some are in bib records, some are in item records, and one library does not record them at all.
3. Libraries reported various experiences with replacing lost/stolen/damaged items that they have committed to retain.
4. There was no need for training in use of the retention notes or Last Copy Guidelines.
5. Libraries not already in the EAST consortium showed no great desire to harmonize our program with EAST's as far as synchronizing our "end-of-commitment" date.

There was a general consensus among the Committee members that it would be beneficial if all our retention statements were consistently recorded in accordance with modern standards. Monitoring discussions in the broader community of interest seems to indicate that others outside CNY think this is important too. A Shared Print Summit was convened in Boston in April 2018, with the group deciding to move forward to create a federated organization of the various shared print programs across the United States. Pam Jones is participating on a working group to develop a charge for a governance task group. The Committee will monitor the work of the Shared Print Summit group as it continues its work.



The Committee asked the CNY Board of Directors to:

- consider harmonizing the retention commitments of the Pod1 and EAST libraries; and,
- consider having all shared print libraries update their retention statements in accordance with today's standards so as to facilitate discovery of retention commitments via the shared catalog and OCLC.

The Board of Directors recommended that the Committee move ahead with harmonizing retention commitments and updating retention statements to current standards.

Respectfully submitted,

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