



Rosemont Shared Print Alliance Update

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The Rosemont Shared Print Alliance is a collaboration of regional 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 Storage Trust, the Florida Academic Repository, Scholar's Trust, and the Western Regional Storage Trust.

Recent Activities

- In January, the Operations Committee conducted a webinar and subsequent question-and-answer session to share information and gauge members' interest in an SCS multi-institution collection analysis tool for serials. These sessions were followed by a written survey submitted by institution leaders. The effort produced useful information about priorities and investment potential in the community, though ultimately SCS and OCLC decided to move in a different direction.
- The Ops Committee has engaged with CRL to discuss the best ways to represent Rosemont in PAPER, the Print Archives Preservation Registry. Because each program is already represented individually, a federated collection like the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance introduces new questions about how to include the Alliance without duplicating information that might skew collection statistics or creating excessive work for participating member libraries. A beta program page has been drafted and is expected to be usable in the very near future.
- Analysts from the member consortia compared holdings data provided by the programs. Although the data is known to be a bit rough, this analysis gives us a preliminary idea of the size and scope of the aggregated collections of the consortia comprising the Rosemont Alliance. The rough data suggests more than 41,000 deduplicated individual titles (OCLC/ISSN combos) are already committed to retention. Of these, 77% are held by a single Rosemont print retention program partner, while 0.2% held by all six regional programs.

Upcoming Work

- Defining common access principles
- Preparing Rosemont for collective lending
- Revising the short and near-term work plan
- Exploring Decision Support Systems
- Describing the value and benefits of participation to Rosemont membership

For documentation and additional information, please visit RosemontSharedPrintAlliance.org.