

Washington Research Library Consortium
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1. Alma and Primo implementation

The WRLC is close to completing our migration from our current integrated library systems (two Voyager systems, five Sierra sites) to Ex Libris' Alma library services platform and Primo discovery. All libraries will be on Alma and Primo will be sharing bibliographic data in an Alma network zone. While the Alma implementation has diverted a lot of our attention away from other activities, we look forward to exploring how sharing bibliographic records will facilitate collection analysis and the implementation and extension of WRLC's shared collection policies.

2. WRLC FY 2019 initiatives

The WRLC library directors approved an initiative to identify additional print journals for retention. Currently journal retention policies are based on avoiding duplication in our high density shared collections facility. Duplicate journal volumes received at our shared collections facility are recycled, the volumes already shelved in the facility are designated as shared. Currently this covers 420,539 volumes.

Journal titles for which there is only a single copy within the consortium have not been declared shared copies with a retention commitment. We will be looking at expanding our retention policies to cover some or all of the titles with single copies.

Two other key initiatives will examine the feasibility of purchasing monographs and periodicals on a shared basis. We have been acquiring Oxford University Press print titles through a consortial contract since 2016. These initiatives will look to expand on the success of that program.

3. Rosemont Shared Print Alliance

The WRLC has been an active participant in planning and developing the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance through its Scholars Trust partnership with ASERL. The Rosemont Shared Print Alliance is currently a collaboration of five regional programs representing 140+ libraries interested in coordinating their efforts on a larger scale to ensure the retention of and access to print journal backfiles.

4. Shared Print Monograph Summit

The WRLC participated in the Shared Print Monograph Summit hosted in April by the Eastern Academic Storage Trust (EAST). The Summit, funded by a Mellon Foundation grant, explored ways in which North American shared print monograph programs might collaborate. The WRLC is participating in working groups that are considering priorities identified during the Summit.

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