

CRL PAN Update

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Introduction

The Center for Research Libraries (CRL) is a consortium for research libraries in the United States and Canada. CRL's focus on print archiving activities is motivated by our member libraries' charge to build and maintain shared collections—both current and archival. CRL also works on behalf of our member libraries, who invest heavily in local print resources to support advanced research and teaching.

Highlights for 2016

- In April, 2016, CRL's 2016 Global Resources Collections Forum focused on issues related to print preservation. The *@Risk: Stewardship, Due Diligence, and the Future of Print* forum focused on establishing consensus among CRL libraries on print preservation issues. The conversations at the Forum laid the groundwork for CRL's shared print agenda, which is outlined in a [recent post](#) on the Common Knowledge blog.
- In June, 2016, *Preserving America's Print Resources II: a North American Summit* was held in Berkeley, California. The purpose was to formulate a common vision for further development and growth among shared research library collections, and to determine priorities for CRL in order to prevent the loss of critical print journals and government publications.
- CRL successfully transitioned the responsibility and maintenance of the PAPR Registry from our development partner, the California Digital Library to CRL's Chicago office.
- CRL received funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for a six-month planning effort to develop and cost out a methodology and strategy to identify the “critical corpus” of journal literature published in print form that is important to academic research in the humanities and social sciences, and thus worthy of long-term preservation.

Meetings

CRL held three meetings that focused on print archiving in 2016.

The Global Resources Collections Forum, *@Risk: Stewardship, Due Diligence, and the Future of Print*, took place in April 2016 following the annual Council of Voting Members meeting. The *@Risk* forum generated a wealth of ideas about where and how CRL should focus its support for the preservation of print collections. Conversations dwelled less on the economics and mechanics of storage and retention, than on larger issues of institutional stewardship and due diligence. Deanna Marcum, managing director of ITHAKA S+R, made the case for urgency of coordinated, decisive action on a national level. Marcum warned, “We are running out of time.” Her remarks are posted on her [ITHAKA blog](#).

PAN Meetings

The Print Archive Network (PAN) 2016 meetings took place the Friday morning before ALA Annual in Orlando and ALA Midwinter in Boston. The topic for ALA Midwinter was: Processes in Shared Print Collection Development, Collection Analysis Tools. The topic for ALA Annual was: Government Documents and Shared Print Collections. There were approximately 83 attendees at ALA Annual in June; this was up from Midwinter which had 76 attendees. In addition, 45 new members were added to the PAN Listserv in 2016. The current count of listserv subscribers is 397 people. An archive of past PAN meetings, including presentations and program updates, is available on the CRL [website](#).

Current Projects

PAPR

The [Print Archives and Preservation Registry \(PAPR\)](#) is designed to support archiving and management of serials collections by providing comprehensive information about titles, holdings, and the terms and conditions of archiving of the major print archiving and shared print programs.

PAPR includes

- A searchable directory of print archiving programs and facilities housing archived print content.
- Display of title and holdings information from contributing print archiving programs.
- Downloadable reports of titles and holdings for participating print archiving programs.
- [Statistics](#) about PAPR holdings.
- A [dashboard](#) with news and data of relevance to the print archive community.

In 2016 the development of the PAPR registry was completed, and the tool was transitioned from the California Digital Library (CDL) to CRL. During the transition, a hold was put on loading new or updated records to PAPR. Since September, CRL has updated the CRL JSTOR Archive's records and has been preparing Scholars Trust records (from ASERL and WRLC) for ingest.

CRL received over 35,500 records from Scholars Trust for PAPR. CRL's PAPR team has completed validation work on half of the records and will be reporting the results to Scholars Trust prior to loading the records in PAPR. The new records will double the number of Scholars Trust records currently in PAPR. Initial validation work has shown that Scholars Trust libraries acted on recommendations CRL made during the 2015 record load to strengthen and improve their data quality. Providing this validation work is one of the most important services CRL can provide to PAPR participants. The results enable CRL to more effectively aggregate the holdings of all programs and to more accurately report on the overall status of the national effort to preserve print serials. The 35,500 records will be loaded into PAPR in the first half of 2017. CRL appreciates its partnership with Scholars Trust libraries, who, in this effort, have shown a strong commitment to the quality of their data.

PAPR currently has 164,712 bibliographic records from 130 archiving institutions. Sixteen archiving programs report their holdings in PAPR; ten are journal only archives, and six are archives with mixed content. Approximately 56% of all the PAPR records are held by the combined collections of the Center for Research Libraries and Linda Hall Library.

In October 2016, the PAPR advisory council convened by phone to discuss the PAPR transition and possible future development needs. There was general agreement that PAPR continues to meet the goal of disclosing the holdings of print archives/shared print programs informing the community about the overall status of CRL's national effort to preserve print serials. Near term development goals will focus on refining the presentation of the data and making minor changes to the data model. CRL is in the process of budgeting and planning the changes, which will take place in the next fiscal year (beginning in July 2017).

This year CRL added additional in-depth print archive profiles to the PAPR directory. Information covered in the profiles includes: program history, organizational decision making, planning, validation of holdings, and storage and maintenance of Holdings. CRL added expanded profiles of BTAA Shared Print Repository Council of Prairie and Pacific Libraries Shared Print Archive Network, CRL JSTOR Archive, Scholars Trust Cooperative Journal Retention Program, UC JSTOR Archive, the Linda Hall Library, and Western Regional Storage Trust.

Critical Corpus of Print Serials – Planning Phase

CRL has received a planning grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to develop and cost out a strategy to identify the universe of journal literature published in print form that is important to academic research in the humanities and social sciences, and thus critical for preservation. CRL will use the “critical corpus” as the basis for deciding the scope, priorities and timetable of its shared print investment. The project, entitled, “Mapping the ‘Critical Corpus’ of Print Serials – Planning Phase,” will be completed in 2017.

JSTOR Print Archive

As of December 31, 2016 CRL had archived 90,933 volumes of the JSTOR print volumes. This is approximately 60% of CRL's target within the JSTOR archival serials collections. CRL continues to build the journal archive, working with regular donations from CRL members including the University of Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Harvard University, Dennison, University of Wisconsin, Queens University, University of Maryland and other CRL member libraries throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Linda Hall Library Print Archive Donations

While the Linda Hall Library has accepted donated print copies of scientific journals from CRL members for many years, starting this year when CRL cannot accept donated titles, either because they duplicate existing holdings or are not appropriate for the CRL collection, CRL will suggest that donors ask Linda Hall Library. For more information about donating to Linda Hall Library, please contact Marie Waltz at mwaltz@crl.edu.

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- Mathew Revitt for his contributions in moderating and suggesting topics and speakers for the PAN meeting.
- The many participants and attendees of CRL print archive related meetings; *the @Risk: Stewardship, Due Diligence, the Future of Print Forum* and the *Preserving America's Print Resources Summit* and PAN.