



Report to the Print Archive Network

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The [Partnership for Shared Book Collections](#) is a federation of monograph shared print programs in North America. Our vision is to ensure the long-term preservation of, access to, and integrity of monographic print resources.

In the last three months, since the October Quarterly Report, the Partnership has:

- Continued holding joint Rosemont and Partnership Executive Committee meetings in order to begin aligning the work of our two organizations
- The Merger Implementation Task Force has created a public webpage for up-to-date information about the ongoing merger of the Partnership for Shared Book Collections and Rosemont Shared Print Alliance:
<https://sharedprint.org/shared-print-merger/>
- Continued working with programs to explore Open Data options for retention data and research

Updates from the Partnership Standing Committees

The work of the Partnership is undertaken by four standing committees, composed of over forty volunteers from the Shared Print community. Many thanks to those who have contributed their time and expertise to the endeavor. As we move forward with the merger with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance, many of our standing committees and task forces are taking this time to re-evaluate the current work being done in order to more closely align with group-wide strategic initiatives moving forward. As such, several standing committees or task forces have elected to pause several activities while we see how the merger will impact the current work being done. Below are listed key updates from those groups with continuing work or projects.

Shared Print Metadata Guidelines Standing Committee:

This group has held two community discussions so far around the new “[Shared Print Actions: Terminology](#)” and will be holding two more in the near future. Anyone interested can register to attend:

Tuesday, January 30 at 2pm ET/1pm CT/noon MT/11am PT [Registration](#)

Monday, February 5 at 3pm ET/2pm CT/1pm MT/noon PT [Registration](#)

Best Practices Standing Committee:

Best Practices recently met with representatives from the Risk Task Force of the Research & Network Level Standing Committee to discuss the next steps for implementation and application of this model across programs and their members. They are also continuing to build out the Best Practices Assessment tools and review 2+ years or older best practices.

Please send any suggestions for future best practices to info@sharedprint.org.

Communications and Advocacy (Joint standing committee with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance):

The group has begun work on developing a draft charge for the interim period until the merger is complete in order to continue the necessary work of communicating the value, needs, and impact of shared print at scale. The group also recently met with representatives from SCELIC in order to discuss what would be most helpful for programs to have at the Partnership level when dealing with the unexpected closure of a library or the departure of a library from a shared print program. The group is continuing to discuss this topic, especially with



an eye to supplementing best practices and other existing documentation in order to provide resources for these scenarios. Members continue to seek opportunities / conferences to promote the Toolkit and value proposition generally.

Infrastructure Standing Committee:

Discovery and Access Task Force - This group continues to explore system possibilities in Ex Libris's Alma (ILS) and Primo (discovery layer) for the discovery and access of retention commitments, along with library needs, and what current gaps could be filled. In late November the group met jointly with the Resource Sharing Task Force and Ex Libris representatives to discuss various levels of resource sharing within Alma.

Matching Algorithms Task Force - Continues to work with a test set of English language monographs, and comparing matching results using the Gold Rush matchkey, the ReCAP model, and an AI model from the California Digital Libraries, along with straight up OCLC number matching. The group plans to put together a report that will outline their findings and what this means in terms of what fields/codes/standard numbers work best for matching in various use cases.

Resource Sharing Task Force - At the end of November the group held a joint meeting with the Discovery Task Force and met with representatives from Ex Libris to discuss various levels of sharing within Alma. The group will be meeting at the beginning of February with the Rosemont Resource Sharing Group to begin discussing future collaboration. For more information, or for those curious about attending, please contact Linda@SCELC.org.

Research & Network Level Standing Committee:

The Shared Print Toolkit Task Force, Value of Shared Print Task Force, and Resource Sharing Task Force have transitioned towards a maintenance or monitoring stage after having completed the original deliverables for these task forces. Moving forward they will continue to monitor developments in the Shared Print Landscape for impact to their existing resources.

Risk Task Force - In December 2023, some of the co-authors of the C&RL article "A Model to Determine Optimal Numbers of Monograph Copies for Preservation in Shared Print Collections" presented the findings of the paper to a joint session of the Chief Collection Development Officers of Large Research Libraries and the Technical Services Directors of Large Research Libraries ALA-Core Interest Groups.