Rosemont Shared Print Alliance Update

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The Rosemont Shared Print Alliance is a collaboration of regional shared print journal programs that coordinate 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 Center for Research Libraries, the Eastern Academic Scholars’ Trust, the Florida Academic Repository, Scholars Trust, and the Western Regional Storage Trust. The following provides an update on work undertaken by the Rosemont Alliance since our last report to PAN in January 2023.

Current Holdings

Rosemont Alliance member programs have committed more than 200,000 titles to be retained. Of these, 18,053 titles have at least three copies in committed retention, meeting Rosemont’s goal to hold titles in triplicate. Another 14,619 titles show two copies retained. Total collection counts decreased slightly in 2023, owing in part to data reconciliation.
Potential for Integrating National Shared Print Efforts

In June 2023, members of the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance and the Partnership for Shared Book Collections met to discuss next steps for merging the two organizations into a single national shared print federation. After that discussion, a Merger Implementation Task Force was convened to map out the work necessary to unite the two organizations, and what the new organization might expect to accomplish and how it might be structured. Sarah Cohen from Big Questions Consulting was hired to facilitate this process, which we expect to be complete in late Spring 2024.

See https://sharedprint.org/shared-print-merger/ for more details.

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