



## BTAA Shared Print Repository Update PAN Forum January 2022

### Current Collection Status

Collection	Titles	Volumes
at Indiana	6,520	266,544
at Illinois	4,762	178,048
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,282</b>	<b>444,592</b>

As of January 5, the BTAA holds 266,544 shared volumes at Indiana University and 178,048 volumes at Illinois, for a total of 444,592 shared volumes (11,308 titles).

All holdings are indicated in OCLC, JRNL, and PAPR, as well as being hosted along with gaps and offers in our consortial Teams network for BTAA SPR project coordinators.

### Current Ingest Activity

We are in the process of sourcing the remaining 74,000 volumes to be hosted at Illinois. Iowa is actively shipping gap-fill volumes and select new titles. Penn State and Wisconsin have offers in process. Libraries have been asked to consider a compiled list of titles from Elsevier, Springer, and Wiley that remain uncommitted for retention, as these titles were the original pool approved by the library directors, are largely highly duplicated, and are available electronically. We are currently comparing holdings to the titles digitally available from common databases and those retained by partners in the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance to identify common journals not yet retained by BTAA.

Twelve of our fifteen member libraries have submitted volumes or are in the process of doing so. All report participating in the program through collection management activities, using the retained holdings as a basis for essential deselection and relocation work. This level of engagement is noteworthy given the numerous library units involved in comparing holdings, updating records, and pulling and shipping volumes, the distance covered by the BTAA, and the unexpected loss of a year of on-site time with student workers and physical collections. This effort is only made possible by the many people in the libraries who have dedicated their time to this initiative.

### Program Review

In 2021, we completed a program review in accordance with our MOU and standard BTAA practices. The Shared Print Repository (SPR) is a highly intentional, and carefully selected, repository of journals that form a shared and cohesive collection across the Big Ten Academic Alliance. To assess this program's effectiveness, statistical and financial data were analyzed, and surveys of both Library Directors and Library staff were conducted. The key findings were:

- The Shared Print Repository (SPR) is considered a valuable piece of integrated collections management across the Big Ten Academic Alliance. In survey responses from library directors or deans, all responding libraries found the repository to be an important or very important initiative of the BTAA.
- The most commonly cited values to the institutions were the ability to withdraw local volumes of retained titles, relocate local volumes of retained titles, and use the SPR's data or records for other local collections analysis.
- In the next five years, 100% of library directors felt that expanding the serials retention project would be very important or important.
- Additionally, 80% of all respondents indicated that they have some level of interest in shared monograph storage, and a few mentioned other possibilities such as microfilm, area studies, government documents, or media.
- The host sites, Illinois and Indiana, have provided excellent assistance in servicing access to print, and also in cataloging and updating metadata to facilitate extremely complex data analyses.
- Suggestions for improvement focused on additional information related to workflows, and the need for additional collection analysis tools and techniques.
- Although the activity of the SPR is well known to a core group of involved staff, the project would benefit from broader communication that should be integrated into the ongoing work of the BIG Collection.
- The program remains in a strong financial position. The pandemic slowdown and lack of travel has provided a surplus in our budget, leaving funds available to finance ongoing work.

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### **Rosemont Shared Print Alliance**

Five years after the initial founding, the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance has focused recent efforts on evaluating the strategic directions and extending the roadmap for action. Current work looks at advancing gap-filling processes among the programs, reviewing infrastructure for resource sharing and information capture specific to shared titles, advocating for open and cohesive shared print data and infrastructure, and expanding the corpus of retained journals.

A noteworthy effort from the last year was the Last Known Copy Initiative. Using data pulled from shared print programs' analyses, a list of titles was compiled and compared to WorldCat data to identify serials suspected to be uniquely held in the US by Rosemont partners—including 30,043 titles held by BTAA libraries. Assuming that libraries would be willing to retain scarcely held titles first and validate completeness and condition later, Rosemont librarians developed a set of procedures for a lightweight process for indicating titles.

Although rare titles for local retention do not fit the parameters of the SPR, the BTAA agreed to disseminate the title lists for libraries' own use. A small group of libraries, including Indiana University, University of Iowa, Penn State, Rutgers, and Northwestern, were invited to pilot test the process. These libraries reported few surprises—and quite a lot of not-actually-last-copies—in the content lists, but reported being glad to receive a concrete list of titles to consider flagging for retention. All remaining BTAA libraries were invited to join the project in August and may use the “suspected last copy” title lists as the opportunity arises to evaluate further.

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