



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:

- Posted [Strategic Priorities for 2022/23](#) - derived from the [results of the 2022 assessment](#).
- Participated in the CCH community webinar '[Embedding Shared Print - A Year of New Approaches](#)'.
- Held a [webinar on October 18th](#) introducing the [Best Practices Assessment Tools](#) and an update on the work of the Value of Shared Print task force and their cost calculators (available soon).
- Added several [glossary](#) definitions for terms associated with multipart monographs which arose from the work of the Multipart Monographs Task Force and their work to outline the issues with MPMs.
- Completed work on a document focused on [communicating about weeding](#), available in the [toolkit](#).
- Continued talks with Rosemont on closer alignment of the two organizations.

Updates from the Partnership Working Groups

The work of the Partnership is completed by four working groups, composed of over forty volunteers from the Shared Print community. Many thanks to those who have contributed their time and expertise to the endeavor.

Shared Print Metadata Guidelines Working Group:

A new subgroup, jointly charged by the Partnership and the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance, is being formed to facilitate discussions about shared print metadata practices and needs across the community. The group's first tasks will be to review current shared print disclosure terminology and shared print metadata guidelines. More information and a call for volunteers will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Best Practices Working Group:

The following Best Practices have been completed and added to the [website](#): [Collection Analysis](#), [Geographic Distribution](#), [Digital to Print Validation Work for Shared Print Programs](#), and [Succession Planning](#). A Best Practice on Number of Copies will be completed early in the new year.

The Best Practices Working Group also hosted a [webinar introducing the new Assessment Tool](#) in October. Since then they continue to work on adding new tools from recently released Best Practices.

Planning for 2023 Best Practices has begun, with the following having already been identified as needs: Augmenting and Expanding Commitments, Community Building, Controlled Digital Lending, EDI for Shared Print, Starting a Shared Print Program, and Weeding. Please send any suggestions for future best practices to info@sharedprint.org.

The group is pleased to acknowledge that SCEL and Keep@Downsview have both used the Best Practices in their respective program assessments.

Communications and Advocacy (Joint Working Group with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance):

- The [wikipedia article](#) on Collective Collections continues undergoing review and is being updated with an eye towards distinguishing the nuances between collective collections and shared print.
- The 'how to talk about weeding' group has completed their work with a detailed document ([PDF](#) | [Google Sheet](#) | [1 page diagram](#)) on weeding communications, including recommendations, common pitfalls and FAQs along with suggestions for answering them.
- The group continues to work on creating talking points for prospective Shared Print Partners and also onboarding of new library and campus administrators.
- In 2023 the group plans on working with CCH on Shared Print in the Collections Lifecycle messaging.
- The group has also been charged with planning the 2023 Joint Member meeting along with Rosemont, which will take place later this year.

Infrastructure Working Group:

Many thanks to Melissa Gasparotto (University of Pennsylvania) who has stepped up to chair this group as Maggie Dull (Rochester University) has needed to step down. Both Melissa and Maggie's work and dedication to the group are much appreciated.

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. The group is currently looking for additional members with expertise in the Ex Libris environment. Please contact info@sharedrprint.org if you are interested.

Matching Algorithms Task Force - The group continues to meet bi-weekly and has begun comparisons of small sets of test records using the ReCAP and Gold Rush algorithms, along with an AI model from the California Digital Library. Ex Libris also has agreed to run these test records through their algorithms for comparison.

Resource Sharing Task Force - Continues to meet every other month on the first Thursday at 9am Pacific with vendors on exploring the possibilities of surfacing shared print in resource sharing systems. At December's meeting the group learned about ProQuest full e-book lending from a participating library. In February a group from Clarivate will discuss the integration of ExLibris Systems with Shared Print Retention Commitments and Controlled Digital Lending. OCLC's Controlled Digital Lending will be discussed at the April meeting. Additional attendees are welcome, please contact Linda@SCELC.org.

Research & Network Level Working Group:

Cost and Value of Shared Print Task Force - The group has completed a draft of Services calculator and continues to work on determining estimates for fixed elements of calculations. The group is also brainstorming calculators for Shared Print Program Participating Libraries, which will likely include staffing, space costs and program membership fees.

Resource Sharing Research Task Force - The team drafted the second of two planned surveys, targeted at participating libraries. The survey is anticipated to go out in the first half of 2023.

Risk Task Force - The group is wrapping up edits to a "Bibliographic Accuracy" paper, which helped determine default numbers to include in the model to determine an optimal number of copies for retention (model paper to be published in C&RL in September 2023). In 2023 the group will begin to explore how the model can be used by programs.

Toolkit - The Toolkit group has worked with CRL to add new fields to the [Shared Print Programs directory](#), with an eye toward improving the directory for the Shared Print Community. If you see errors for your program in this directory please contact mwaltz@crl.edu. The group has also started drafting a Shared Print 101 for Program Managers.

Upcoming Events:

The Partnership and The Rosemont Shared Print Alliance will hold a 1 hour webinar containing program updates on February 23,2022, 11 a.m. PT / Noon MT / 1 p.m. CT / 2 p.m. ET. ([Registration](#) required.)

The Partnership is in the process of hiring a new Program Coordinator.
Please see the [position announcement on our website](#).