Lizanne Payne will retire from her position with HathiTrust later this year or early in 2019. Lizanne has been a driving and consolidating force behind the success of so many of our shared print programs, particularly WEST, EAST, and most recently the HathiTrust.

Beginning with her 20 years at WRLC and informed by her library systems background, Lizanne’s work has shaped our understanding of shared print and of the best practices for building and nurturing a program in a way that encourages cooperation and dialogue. After she left WRLC in 2009, her consultancies with CRL and OCLC and such consortia as Maine, ReCAP, and SCELC, as well as her role in the formation of WEST and EAST, she has served as a one-person interlocking directorate for shared print programs in the United States. She operates with a superior level of precision and clarity when it comes to data-mongering, spreadsheet-wrangling, system- and bib-record-untangling, and next-step-taking that helps groups cut to the heart of the practical chase when a number of possibilities are circulating and not coming to rest. She helps to reduce options to a manageable and orderly size and gets groups to recognize an agenda of shorter and longer term actions.

All who have worked with her have learned so much from Lizanne. Anyone starting out in shared print would be well advised to check out Lizanne’s back catalog of papers and presentations as a basic library of shared print resources.

Thank you, Lizanne! We wish you well!