Scholars Trust represents the shared print archives of the **Association of Southeastern Research Libraries** (ASERL), the **Florida Academic Repository** (FLARE), and the **Washington Research Library Consortium** (WRLC).

- 31 of 38 ASERL libraries participate in Scholars Trust.
- FLARE includes the 12 State Universities in Florida and the University of Miami.
- the Washington Research Libraries Consortium (WRLC) brings an additional 8 libraries to the program for a total of 50 participating libraries.

Program Highlights

- Program Growth – As of January 2019, the total record count is 45,642, an increase of 10,930 since May 2017. Approximately 80% of the holdings are unique titles within the archive; an additional 14% have a second retention commitment.
- Scholars Trust maintains a publicly-accessible list of the retained titles on the program website so others can easily access the information. www.scholarstrust.org.
- Scholars Trust updates our retention records with the PAPR Registry every quarter, hosted by the Center for Research Libraries (CRL). In return, CRL returns reports that identify possible errors in our data so inaccuracies can be corrected.
- Six ASERL libraries continue to participate in a serials collection analysis pilot with CRL. The goal of the pilot is to gain a greater understanding of the scope of serials holdings among Scholars Trust libraries to inform our shared collection growth for both Scholars Trust and our participation in the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance. Libraries participating in the pilot include:
  1. Emory University
  2. University of Alabama
  3. University of Florida
  4. University of South Carolina
  5. University of Tennessee-Knoxville
  6. Virginia Tech

Outreach and Communication

We host two online town hall meetings per year to provide a forum to share the progress on current initiatives and operations and to elicit further feedback from all participating libraries. Recordings of these meetings are archived on ASERL website. The most recent meeting was held on December 12th, 2018.

Journal Retention and Needs Listing (JRNL)

Scholars Trust libraries manage their journal retention commitments in the JRNL software hosted by the University of Florida. JRNL allows libraries to expose lists of print journals for which they have made retention commitments; and to express needs (or gaps) in their holdings. The software facilitates communication between library staff at participating institutions to identify holding commitments, gap filling opportunities as well as deselection decisions.

- ASERL, the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), FLARE, TRLN, WEST and WRLC record their retention commitments in JRNL; this includes 80 institutions, with 83 locations.
- Representatives from each of the participating print archiving programs serve on the JRNL Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee is currently reviewing the software functionality for potential enhancements as a decision support tool.

Rosemont Shared Print Alliance (RSPA)
Scholars Trust continues to work with the Big Ten Academic Alliance Shared Print Repository (BTAA), Eastern Academic Scholars Trust (EAST), FLARE and Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST) in the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance (RSPA) to ensure the preservation and availability of print journal literature, significantly growing the corpus of print journals held under retention agreements.

Please visit the http://Rosemontsharedprintalliance.org website for more information.

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