



PAN Program Update January 2020

Participating libraries

Scholars Trust is a partnership among the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL), the Florida Academic Repository (FLARE), and Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC). In total, 52 academic libraries participate in Scholars Trust, holding approximately 49,000 journal titles with retention commitments. Scholars Trust is a founding member of the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance.

Retention Commitments

• **Program Growth** –

In July, three additional ASERL libraries joined Scholars Trust: George Mason University, Georgia State University and Vanderbilt University. 34 of 38 ASERL libraries now participate in Scholars Trust. As of January 2020, the total record count for retained titles is **48,913** - an increase of **4,865** titles from the June 2019 report. 4,330 of these titles are a recent contribution by WRLC. Approximately 79% of retained titles are unique within the archive (a single holding library); an additional 15% have a second retention commitment.

- **A publicly-accessible list of the titles retained for Scholars Trust** is maintained on the program website so others can easily access the information. www.scholarstrust.org.
- A quarterly export of title records is also shared with the **PAPR Registry**, a national clearing house of journal retention data hosted by the Center for Research Libraries (CRL). In return, CRL provides reports that identify possible errors in our data so inaccuracies can be corrected.

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 among participating institutions to identify holding commitments, gap filling opportunities as well as deselection decisions.

Scholars Trust (ASERL + WRLC), the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), FLARE, TRLN, and WEST record their retention commitments in JRNL; **81 institutions, with 86 locations**. Combined, **67,456 commitments** are recorded in JRNL:

- FLARE: 31,765 Titles
- Scholars Trust: 16,660 Titles
- WEST: 10,843 Titles
- Big Ten Academic Alliance: 8,188 Titles

CRL Collection Analysis

In July 2019, 33 ASERL-Scholars Trust libraries submitted over 1 million records as part of an ASERL-CRL Collection Analysis project. This is an important point in the lifespan of Scholars Trust as a collaborative endeavor. This project enhances our understanding of the scope of serials holdings among all ASERL Scholars Trust libraries and informs decisions about collection growth for both Scholars Trust and our participation in the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance. As part of this project, ASERL libraries have a conservative goal to secure retention commitments for an additional 4500 titles by 2021. For more information: <http://www.aserl.org/aserl-crl-collection-analysis/>.

Outreach and Communication

- Scholars Trust Governing Council met in Washington, DC on September 23, 2019, hosted by George Washington University.
- A Town Hall e-meeting was held on October 9, 2019. Town Hall Meetings provide a forum to share the progress on current initiatives and operations and to elicit further feedback from all participating libraries. Two are held each year, and recordings are archived on ASERL website.

Governance

Scholars Trust is governed by a two-tiered structure to foster the growth of the partnership, create strategic directions, and provide support and management for long-term, efficient and effective operations. Each participating consortium (ASERL, FLARE, WRLC) has delegations on the Governing Council and the Steering Committee.

Governing Council Representatives

Don Gilstrap (ASERL, U-Alabama)
Stephen Connaghan, (WRLC, Catholic University of America)
Tom McNally (ASERL, University of South Carolina)
Lars Meyer (Steering Committee Liaison, Emory University)
Judy Russell (FLARE, U-Florida)
John Burger (ASERL, Program Director)
Mark Jacobs (WRLC, Program Director)
Ben Walker (FLARE, Program Director)

Steering Committee Representatives

Lisa Fish (FLARE, U-Miami)
Jay Forrest (ASERL, Georgia Tech)
Millie Jackson (ASERL, U-Alabama)
Ryan Johnson (WRLC, Georgetown University)
Lars Meyer (Emory University), Chair
Dolsy Smith (WRLC, George Washington University)
Cheryle Cole-Bennett (ASERL, Program Staff)
Aaron Krebeck, (WRLC, Program Staff)
Ben Walker, (FLARE, U-Florida, Program Staff)

Rosemont Shared Print Alliance (RSPA)

- Scholars Trust, the Big Ten Academic Alliance Shared Print Repository (BTAA), Eastern Academic Scholars Trust (EAST), FLARE and Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST) join to develop program goals for significantly growing the corpus of print journals held under retention agreements. Initial 5-year program goals can be found at <http://www.rosemontsharedprintalliance.org>.
- RSPA program coordinators serve on an advisory group to advise OCLC and CRL as they undertake a Mellon-funded project to improve the data infrastructure for managing shared print collections.
- The RSPA Executive Committee met December 11, 2019 in Washington, DC, at the University of the District of Columbia.
- An RSPA open information session is scheduled for 2020 ALA Midwinter, on Saturday January 25th | 11:00am-12:00pm at Temple University, Charles Library.

Scholars Trust Representatives, Executive Committee:

John Burger (ASERL, Co-Chair)
Don Gilstrap (University of Alabama)
Stephen Connaghan, (Catholic University of America)
Mark Jacobs (WRLC, Co-Chair)
Lars Meyer (Emory University)
Judy Russell (FLARE, University of Florida)

Scholars Trust Representatives, Operations Committee:

John Burger (ASERL)
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