



Western Regional Storage Trust

Program Assessment and Strategic Planning

During 2019, the Western Regional Storage Trust performed its third program assessment, comprised of a member survey sent to WEST directors and primary contacts, two Archive Builder focus groups to gain insights about the distinct work that they perform on behalf of WEST, and three general focus groups in which library staff from Non-archive Holder, Archive Holder, and Archive Builder institutions were invited to participate in discussions about specific aspects of the program and how WEST might evolve in the future. Additionally, the WEST project team undertook additional analyses of the archived collections, deselection activities, and what materials are left to archive to supplement and enhance the assessment report.

The 2019 assessment focused on four major themes:

- Value of WEST
- Member Satisfaction and Areas for Change
- Potential New Services
- Archive Building

The findings from the member survey and focus groups as well as the results of the supplemental analyses and outcomes of the 2019 WEST strategic planning meeting will be presented by the WEST project team at the WEST Members Meeting at ALA Midwinter (held **Sunday January 26, 1:00-2:30pm EST / 10:00-11:30am PST**).

The full [2019 WEST Assessment report](#) and the outcomes of the [2019 WEST Strategic Planning session](#) are available on the WEST website. Additionally, two addenda are available that supplement the WEST Assessment Report: [What's Left to Archive](#), an analysis of the remaining unarchived journals across the WEST member institutions, and a [Deselection Study](#) that analyzes WEST reported deselection activities from Cycles 2-7.

Archiving Progress

WEST Archive Holders and Builders completed Cycle 8 archiving work in summer of 2019. Cycle 9 archiving will wrap up in the coming summer of 2020. Simultaneously, WEST will complete its next collections analysis and select another set of titles to archive between 2020 and 2022.

Disclosure for the first year of archiving work will take place in spring of 2019.

WEST Archived Collections

- Over 29,000 unique journal titles archived
 - Bronze: 15,318
 - Silver: 7,425
 - Gold: 7,076
 - **Total: 29,819 titles**



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- Estimated that over 736,000 volumes have been archived
- ~24% are print only journals (abstracting & indexing electronic access or less)

Bronze titles are characterized by the existence of trusted digital, full-text copies (Portico, CLOCKSS, and JSTOR). By virtue of the existence of trusted digital copies, physical validation is not required for Bronze titles (although some archivers may choose to validate Bronze materials on a voluntary basis). WEST's six Archive Builders focus on Silver and Gold titles, which have limited to no electronic access points. Silver titles receive volume-level validation for completeness, while Gold titles receive issue-level validation for completeness and condition.

Community

- 66 Members
- >40 Archivers who retain titles on behalf of all members
- 6 Archive Builders who actively create archives of higher-risk titles including: physical validation, consolidation of holdings from other members, and storage in high density facilities

WEST and the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance

WEST continues alongside FLARE, Scholars Trust, BTAA, and EAST as a committed partner in the efforts of the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance. Over 2019, WEST contributed to defining functional requirements for a cross-program serials decision support service; ratified a policy of reciprocal retention, gaining access to over 70,000 retentions held by partner programs in the Alliance; facilitated an overlap analysis of current Rosemont retentions; and, along with other shared print programs, provided input and advocacy on OCLC/CRL Mellon-funded projects to improve infrastructure for shared print. Additionally, Rosemont has coordinated with the newly launched Partnership for Shared Book Collections to build a [common glossary of shared print terms](#). Over the next few months, WEST governance groups will review a last copy agreement and guidelines drafted by the Rosemont Operations Committee and approved by the Rosemont Executive Committee.

Anna Striker joins the WEST Team and Shared Print Analyst

On August 1, 2019, WEST welcomed its new Shared Print Operations and Collections Analyst, Anna Striker! Anna came to WEST from her position as Stacks Services Supervisor at Georgetown University Libraries where she demonstrated a talent for initiating, planning, and coordinating large-scale, complex, cross-departmental projects including a full inventory of her library's circulating collection. She brings a unique perspective of stacks management and data-driven collection maintenance to the position, as well as experience supporting Georgetown's participation in the Scholars Trust shared print program. Anna received her BA in English Language and Literature from the University of Virginia and her MLIS from San José State University.