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Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust Update for the June 2021 PAN Forum

General Program Update

EAST continues to grow, and membership currently stands at 82 member institutions, the latest of which are the State Library of Massachusetts and Temple University. Programmatic activities over the last six months have focused on the onboarding and collection analysis of the newest member libraries, as well as on discussions with the EAST Executive Committee about the potential avenues to pursue following the Fall's Program Assessment process.

As an outcome of the Program Assessment, the EAST EC approved the creation of a Special Collections Working Group, tasked with thinking through and providing advice on potential collection analysis and retention work specifically for items in special collections locations, as well as the implications for lending and access. The Working Group is expected to provide feedback to the EC by the end of the calendar year.

In addition, EAST is undertaking a systematic review and update of the website content, to better highlight useful and appropriate information to staff at member libraries.

Collective Collection update

The current EAST retained collection stands at almost 10 million monographs & over 29,000 journal title holdings, of which 17,000 are unique. The monographs numbers reflect the latest commitments made by the USMAI libraries and the University of Rhode Island. We expect this number to grow over the rest of 2021 as Lehigh University, the State Library of Massachusetts, Temple University, and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts (Tufts University) complete their collection analysis and finalize retention commitments. An additional advantage is that these newest EAST members are working with new library services platforms, Folio and Evergreen, providing EAST the opportunity to supplement our documentation.

Gold Rush Comparison

As previously reported, EAST offers individual libraries and library consortia the option of using the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries' Gold Rush Library Comparison tool for collection analysis when joining as a Retention Partner. The majority of our newest members (USMAI, Lehigh, State, SMFA, and Temple) have chosen Gold Rush to compare their holdings and make appropriate retention decisions. This has allowed us to work with Gold Rush developers to continue to refine the matching process and expand facets for library analysis. We are grateful for their responsiveness to our requests.

OCLC Registration

EAST worked with individual member libraries to register their monograph retention commitments and with the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) to register the journal retention



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commitments in OCLC using the retention information from CRL's PAPR registry. The vast majority are now registered, with over 9.7 million EAST retention commitments now reflected in WorldCat. This resource intensive work, undertaken by the EAST Data Librarian, Sara Amato, will continue as EAST brings on new members.

Serials & Journals

To date the 32 EAST Serials and Journals Retention Partners have committed to retain 29,370 journal titles. These commitments have been recorded in both PAPR and OCLC, as well as in the local ILS. Three EAST libraries (UMass Amherst, Lafayette College, and University of Pittsburgh) are also currently participating in the Rosemont Last Known Copy Initiative Pilot, detailed in the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance's PAN update. EAST is also chairing the Rosemont Operations Committee through 2021.

EAST has joined its fellow Rosemont members in using the JRNL gap filling tool. Twenty one EAST libraries will be using the tool. Members of the EAST Project Team are currently working with staff at the University of Florida on loading holdings data for participating libraries into JRNL.

National Initiatives

The EAST Project Team continues to be an active member and participant of the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance, where EAST is chairing the Operations Committee for the 2021 calendar year. In addition, EAST also participates in the Partnership for Shared Book Collections and is actively involved in its governance as well as serving on numerous Working Groups.

Next Steps for EAST

- Continue updates to the EAST website and plan and implement a migration off of the current Drupal 7 platform;
- Complete the work of the newly formed Working Group on Special Collections and make recommendations on running a pilot program to analyze overlap and uniqueness within special collections as well as develop recommended policies for the incorporation of special collection titles into the EAST collective collection;
- Form a Working Group on Access to make recommendations on ways EAST can supported expanded access to retained materials, including digitization efforts;
- Form a Task Force on Collections Analysis to make recommendations for future collection analysis work by EAST, particularly as relates to expansion of the diversity and inclusivity of the collective collection;
- Continue exploring the OCLC APIs for discovery of EAST retentions;
- Continued collaboration with the Rosemont Alliance and the Partnership.