



## Report to the Print Archive Network

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The Partnership for Shared Book Collections (<https://sharedprint.org>) is a federation of monograph shared print programs in North America, formally launched at the Print Archive Network (PAN) Forum in January of 2020. Our vision is to ensure the long-term preservation of, access to, and integrity of monographic print resources. For a full list of participating programs and their member libraries see <https://sharedprint.org/members/>.

Over the past six months the Partnership has:

- Co-sponsored two webinars along with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance on [Registering and Working with Shared Print in OCLC](#)
- Began to outline a [Resources](#) section of sharedprint.org to serve as a clearinghouse for information on topics related to Shared Print, including hosting a Google discussion group for all topics related to Shared Print, [discussion@sharedprint.org](mailto:discussion@sharedprint.org)
- Wrote a letter of support for the ICOLC OCLC Task Force outlining concerns and strategic needs of the monograph shared print community
- Hosted its [second Best Practices for Shared Print webinar](#)
- Hosted its first annual [member meeting](#)

### **Partnership Governance**

In light of the growth over the past year to seventeen members, The Executive Committee added two additional seats. Elections were held in May, with the following two members being added:

- Gwen Bird, Dean of Libraries, Simon Fraser University
- Matt Rosendahl, Library Director, University of Minnesota Duluth

With the start of the new FY, Daniel Dollar (Yale University) will be taking over the role of chair from Kirsten Leonard (PALNI) who will serve as past chair. A vice chair elect will be selected in July. A full list of Executive Committee members is available at <https://sharedprint.org/about/ec/>

The Executive Committee is currently focused on the following four areas:

- Advocacy and Publicity to Shared Print Stakeholders and Funders
- Controlled Digital Lending and Shared Print Collections
- Loss/Change of library leadership and influence as financial pressures increase
- Diversity, Inclusion and Equity of preserved and accessible collections

### **Research Agenda**

A small group of members from the Executive and Operations Committees of the Partnership has been formulating a Research Agenda for the Partnership and is soliciting feedback. This will be presented and discussed briefly at the PAN forum. [The document](#) is open for public comment. Comments made before the PAN forum are greatly appreciated.

## Partnership Working Groups

The work of the Partnership is completed by four working groups, composed of over forty volunteers from the shared print community.

### Best Practices:

The Best Practices Working Group is chaired by Heather Weltin (HathiTrust) and Tony Fonseca (Elms College). The group recently completed a [Best Practices for Scarce Copies](#). Additional best practices under development include Shared Print Data Reporting and Shared Print Education and Awareness. A full list of current and future best practices is available on the [Partnership's website](#). Note that a related task force is being formed to define what 'scarce' and 'unique' mean in terms of the Partnership.

### Communications and Advocacy (Joint Working Group with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance):

The Communications and Advocacy Working Group has recently completed work on the following two documents to be used by the shared print community. A PDF version and a version open for public comment are available.

- Talking points on how OCLC can support Shared Print ([pdf](#))([public comments](#))
- A Concise description of the principles of library shared print retention systems and the benefits of shared print for audiences outside the library profession. ([pdf](#))([public comment](#))

The group is also investigating methods for building awareness about shared print to Resource Sharing library staff and vendors who provide resource sharing tools. Of particular note is a new video on "[How Shared Print aligns with the values of your organization](#)". Many thanks to Aaron Krebeck and Miranda Bennett for this work.

### Infrastructure:

The Infrastructure Working Group of the Partnership was established to develop an understanding of shared print program data needs and to explore the existing infrastructure capabilities. The group is meeting with vendors to discuss the following topics related to shared print:

- resource sharing
- end user discovery of shared print
- identifying unique and scarce materials

They expect to have reports out by early fall '21. This group includes members of the CRL/CDL/HathiTrust collaboration and will work closely with them to avoid duplicative efforts and to support their work.

### Research & Network Level:

The Research & Network Level Working Group investigates at scale activities including research, funding, and expanding shared print. The group currently has four active task forces exploring the following topics:

- The Cost and Value of Shared Print.
- Development of a Shared Print Toolkit
- Risk, currently working on optimal number of copies
- Impact of Shared Print on Resource Sharing

This working group expects to have outputs in all areas over the remainder of the calendar year.

**Collaborations**

The Partnership continues to work collaboratively with others in the shared print environment, including the CDL/CRL/HathiTrust infrastructure project and the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance. The Partnership is also exploring ways to collaborate with other groups including OCLC, Internet Archives, Consortial Approaches to CDL, and more.