



Rosemont Shared Print Alliance Update

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The [Rosemont Shared Print Alliance](#) is a collaboration of regional shared print journal programs that coordinate their efforts on a larger scale to ensure the retention of and access to print journal backfiles. Current participants include the Big Ten Academic Alliance, the Center for Research Libraries, the Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust, the Florida Academic Repository, Scholars Trust, and the Western Regional Storage Trust. The following provides an update on work undertaken by the Rosemont Alliance since our last report to PAN in January of 2021.

As of June 2021, the participating libraries in the Rosemont member programs have made the following commitments to titles:

- Big Ten Academic Alliance – 10,713
- Center for Research Libraries
 - Serials – 49,415
 - JSTOR Project – 2,484
- EAST – 29,370
- FLARE – 31,753
- Scholars Trust
 - ASERL – 17,152
 - WRLC – 9,299
- WEST – 32,327

Updated Task List for 2021

Over the first few months of 2021, the Rosemont Operations Committee updated the Program Task List to reflect new initiatives being undertaken this calendar year as well as progress being made on ongoing work. The new task list is available online at <https://rosemontsharedprintalliance.org/project-task-list>. The Operations Committee recently updated the website to better organize various resources for our shared print program members. You can find the link directly from the [Rosemont home page](#).

Joint Meeting with Rosemont Executive Committee

In April, the Rosemont Operations Committee met with the Rosemont Executive Committee to review the current initiatives described below as well as discuss the role Rosemont can play both operationally and strategically as the infrastructure for shared print evolves. In this joint meeting, the Executive Committee approved an updated [Governance](#) document, including [expanded decision making examples](#), and discussed opportunities to collect resource sharing data across the member programs.

Last Known Copies Initiative

As reported in January 2021, the Rosemont Operations Committee has undertaken a project to identify and retain print journal titles that appear to have only one copy held in the Rosemont Alliance. The Last Known Copy Working Group identified 61,538 journal titles held by a Rosemont Alliance participating library for which only one copy was reported in OCLC WorldCat (U.S. holdings). Fourteen libraries from four Rosemont Alliance member programs agreed to participate in a pilot to review the data, consider making retention commitments for the titles, and develop guidelines and best practices on a variety of issues, including environmental storage requirements, access and circulation, physical validation, and metadata validation. The pilot participants appreciated learning they may have a last known copy and plan to retain the identified titles. They also found that the data included non-journal titles (often monographic series), but library staff were able to fairly easily identify them and remove them from among the candidates for retention.

Currently the Working Group is evaluating options for recording the retention commitments and how best to expand the pilot to additional Rosemont program participants.

Strategic Directions

In early 2021 the Rosemont Operations Committee formed a task force to review and update the [2017-2021 Strategic Directions](#). Following a preliminary review conducted in the joint meeting with the Rosemont Executive Committee in April, the task force plans to complete its work and finalize a 2022–2025 Strategic Directions document before the end of the calendar year. It is expected Rosemont will continue its focus on collection growth, particularly in the area of gap filling, consider ways to expand membership, and actively support the work of the [CDL/CRL/HathiTrust Collaboration](#) in embedding shared print in the life cycle of collections work.

Other Current Projects

Ongoing collaboration with the Partnership for Shared Book Collections

Members of the Rosemont Alliance Operations Committee as well as representatives from individual participating libraries continue to work with colleagues at the [Partnership for Shared Book Collections](#) with a primary focus on the development of best practices for shared print. The best practices documents are available on the Partnership website at <https://sharedprint.org/best-practices/>.

In addition to this best practices work, Rosemont and the Partnership formed a joint Communications and Advocacy Working Group in early 2021 focused on communicating the value, need, and impact of shared print at scale. This group has completed work on the following two documents to be used by the community:

- “Talking Points: How can library service and infrastructure providers support shared print?” - Specific recommendations relating to how the evolving technical infrastructure of libraries, including OCLC WorldCat and related products and services, can better support shared print. A public comment version is available [here](#) with a stable version available [here](#).
- “What is Shared Print?” – A concise description of the principles of library shared print retention systems and its benefits for audiences outside the library profession. A public comment version is available [here](#) with a stable version [here](#).

Registration in WorldCat

Both EAST and FLARE have completed the registration of their retention commitments in PAPER and, using the new registration service, in OCLC WorldCat. The other Rosemont programs continue to work on

registering holdings in WorldCat as well as developing documentation for their member libraries.

Rosemont worked with colleagues at the Partnership for Shared Book Collections to sponsor two webinars on working with shared print in OCLC WorldCat. Links to the recordings as well as the slides are available from the Rosemont web site: <https://rosemontsharedprintalliance.org/webinars-shared-print-oclc>.

Support for the CCH Collaboration

The Rosemont Alliance has continued its support for the work being done by the California Digital Library, the Center for Research Libraries, and HathiTrust (the CCH Collaboration) to embed shared print more directly in the work of collections. Following a series of practitioner webinars, the CCH Collaboration sponsored [two webinars in May](#) to solicit feedback on its guiding document. Rosemont member program staff as well as representatives from participating libraries contributed to this work and anticipate continued support as the work moves forward.

Comparison of Collection Analysis Tools

In order to support libraries that are considering analyzing their print journal collections, members of the Rosemont Operations Committee recently completed work on a matrix comparing the capabilities of the [CCH Collection Comparison Tool](#) and the recently introduced [GreenGlass for Serials](#) from OCLC. The matrix is available on the Rosemont website's new "Resources" [here](#).

For documentation and additional information, please visit RosemontSharedPrintAlliance.org.

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