



Program Update June 2019

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, 50 academic libraries participate in Scholars Trust, holding more than 44,000 journal titles with retention commitments. Scholars Trust is a founding member of the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance.

Retention Commitments

- **Program Growth** - In May 2019, the total number of retained journal titles is **44,048** - an increase of **6,799** titles from this time last year. Approximately 5,900 of the additional titles were contributed by FLARE. Approximately 80% of the retained titles are unique within Scholars Trust (a single holding library); an additional 12% 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, over **61,396 commitments** are recorded in JRNL:

- FLARE: 31,834 Titles
- Scholars Trust: 12,216 Titles
- WEST: 9,158 Titles
- Big Ten Academic Alliance: 8,188 Titles

CRL Collection Analysis

Beginning in 2018, we partnered with the Center for Research Libraries to pilot-test the features and function of CRL's collections analysis service, using data from six ASERL-Scholars Trust libraries. With the pilot successfully completed, we have now expanded the project to the remainder of the ASERL-Scholars Trust libraries. This is an important point in the lifespan of Scholars Trust as a collaborative endeavor, as it will enable a greater understanding of the scope of serials holdings among the participating libraries and inform decisions about collection growth. This will inform future activities for both Scholars Trust and the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance.

Outreach and Communication

- Scholars Trust Governing Council met via e-meeting on May 16, 2019. The fall meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2019; in Washington, DC - hosted by George Washington University.
- 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 the ASERL website. The fall Town Hall e-meeting was held on December 12, 2018, 29 people registered for the program.

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)
Geneva Henry (WRLC, George Washington University)
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 new Mellon-funded project to improve the data infrastructure for managing shared print collections.
- The Rosemont Executive Committee is scheduled to meet December 11, 2019 in Washington, DC.

Scholars Trust Representatives, Executive Committee:

John Burger (ASERL, Co-Chair)
Don Gilstrap (U-Alabama)
Geneva Henry (George Washington University)
Mark Jacobs (WRLC, Co-Chair)
Lars Meyer (Emory University)
Judy Russell (FLARE, U-Florida)

Scholars Trust Representatives, Operations Committee:

John Burger (ASERL)
Cheryle Cole-Bennett (ASERL)
Mark Jacobs (WRLC)
Lars Meyer (Emory University)
Tabby Pursley (FLARE)
Ben Walker (FLARE)