



PAN Program Update June 2021

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). The retention agreement is in effect through December 31, 2035. Scholars Trust is a founding partner of the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance.

Program Growth

- As of June 2021, the total record count for retained titles is **58,204** - an increase of approximately **8,300** titles from the June 2020 update. Approximately 77% of retained titles are unique within the archive (a single holding library); an additional 15% have only 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 report of Scholars Trust title records is also shared with the PAPR Registry. PAPR also provides a combined title listing for the six shared print programs in the Rosemont Alliance, available at: <http://papr.crl.edu/program/81/rosemont-shared-print-alliance>.
- As part of their validation processes, CRL periodically generates data integrity reports which help identify non-standard data in submitted records. These reports are distributed to contributing libraries for their review and updating as needed. This work improves the data quality of Scholars Trust holdings and the registration of our commitments in PAPR.

Journal Retention and Needs Listing (JRNL)

Scholars Trust libraries [ASERL, FLARE + WRLC] manage their journal retention commitments in the JRNL software designed and 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 supporting deselection decisions.

In addition to Scholars Trust, BTAA and WEST record their retention commitments in JRNL. The **Eastern Academic Scholars Trust (EAST)** libraries also recently began using the system with plans to use the tool primarily for gap-filling activities.

An enhancement to the gap-fill functionality to allow **batch updating of gap records** was implemented in December 2020. A short training video on the new gap-fill functionality was recently added to the JRNL LibGuide - <https://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/JRNL>.

CRL Collection Analysis

33 ASERL libraries continue to engage in a print journal collection analysis that has contributed to the unprecedented growth in the program. To date, **4,845 additional titles** have been committed for retention by 18 libraries, selected from titles nominated as candidates within the project. See the [Scholars Trust Retention Model](#).

This project has been stalled due to the lack of access to physical collections by staff working remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic, as such, we anticipate the review of nominated titles to continue well into this year. While selection of titles has been delayed, the analysis data has provided an opportunity for libraries to work on data clean-up activities to correct holdings statements and uniformly format item records as part of work-at-home activities.

Rosemont Shared Print Alliance

The Rosemont Shared Print Alliance has been engaged in a “Last Known Copy” project to identify and protect journal titles with few/no retention commitments. Pilot participants from Scholars Trust are Emory University, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Florida, the University of Georgia and the University of North Carolina – Charlotte. In addition to retaining identified titles, participating libraries assist the Rosemont Alliance working group in developing best practices that will be shared as the project is expanded.

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

Doug Way (ASERL, U-Kentucky)
Tom McNally (ASERL, University of South Carolina)
Judy Russell (FLARE, U-Florida)
Stephen Connaghan, (WRLC, Catholic University of America)
Lars Meyer (Steering Committee Liaison, Emory University)
John Burger (ASERL, Program Director)
Ben Walker (FLARE, Program Director)
Mark Jacobs (WRLC, Program Director)

Steering Committee Representatives

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WRLC’s Scholars Trust Governing Council representative, Stephen Connaghan (Catholic University of America) also serves as Chair of the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance Executive Committee for 2021.