Scholars Trust represents the shared print archives of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL), the Florida Academic Repository (FLARE), and the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC).

Scholars Trust libraries manage their journal retention commitments in the JRNL (Journal Retention and Needs Listing) software hosted by the University of Florida. For more information regarding JRNL please see the Scholars Trust program page at www.scholarstrust.org.

Participating ASERL libraries
2. Clemson University 13. Tulane University 24. University of South Carolina
5. East Carolina University 16. University of Georgia 27. Virginia Commonwealth University
7. Georgia Institute of Technology 18. University of Louisville
9. Louisiana State University 20. University of Miami
10. Mississippi State University 21. University of Mississippi

Participating FLARE libraries
In addition to the libraries in the 12 State Universities and the University of Miami, partners in FLARE include libraries of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida and the Florida College System.

Participating WRLC libraries
2. The Catholic University of America 6. Georgetown University
4. George Mason University 8. Marymount University

Program Highlights -
• In February 2016, Scholars Trust implemented a new governance structure, with the Governing Council holding their first meeting in May 2016, and the Steering Committee meeting in April 2016.
• 38 libraries with retention commitments for approximately 19,500+ unique ISSNs, of which 4800+ are held by two or more locations.
• Scholars Trust continues to explore opportunities for collaboration with CIC Shared Print Repository (CIC-SPR), Florida Academic Libraries Repository (FLARE), and the Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST) to ensure the preservation and availability of print journal literature. The project team for this initiative will meet at ALA Annual in Orlando, 2016.
The Journal Retention and Needs Listing (JRNL) is a software tool that 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.

Highlights –

- Three Archiving Programs (FLARE, Scholars Trust [ASERL + WRLC] and WEST) use the JRNL database, including 61 institutions with 74 locations.
- JRNL contains 32,099 holdings records, of which 22,877 are unique ISSNs/Titles. 72% of JRNL records represent a single retention commitment, 19% have a second commitment. Note - multiple commitments do not indicate redundancy in holdings, as institutions may not retain the same dates/volumes, and gaps may be present.

Records by program:
- FLARE – 17,087
- WEST – 6,230
- WRLC – 4,927
- ASERL / non-FLARE Libraries – 3,765

- Software Enhancements – Later this summer, the software will be upgraded to allow the use of the OCLC number to serve as the identifying element in the absence of an ISSN; this will allow retention commitments for approximately 470 additional titles to be recorded. The Facilities Profile documentation has also been updated to include additional elements that more fully describe the conditions under which materials are retained. Possible enhancements to the gap-filling functionality are currently under review.
- Local Holdings Records (LHRs) – Participating institutions have committed to create/maintain LHRs in their local catalog, including the use of the MARC 583 fields, for all retained titles by December 31, 2016.
- A publicly-accessible list of the titles retained under this agreement is maintained on the program website so others can easily access the information. www.scholarstrust.org.

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