



PARTNERSHIP FOR SHARED BOOK COLLECTIONS

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The Partnership for Shared Book Collections: A Federation of Monograph Shared Print Programs

Boston, MA USA - [February 10, 2020]: The last decade saw exponential growth in libraries collaborating to preserve and share the scholarly record by making long-term commitments to retain print books and make them accessible to scholars, researchers, and learners across North America. Today, more than 46 million retention commitments have been made across the collective collection of 300 libraries and 16 shared print programs.

To further these efforts, we are pleased to announce the Partnership for Shared Book Collections (a.k.a., The Partnership), a newly formed federation of monograph shared print programs in North America.

The Partnership (<https://sharedprint.org>) seeks to coordinate collaboration across these programs to support cost-effective retention of, and access to, print book collections, with the goal of ensuring the long-term preservation, accessibility, and integrity of these scholarly print resources.

Shared print programs that have done the initial work of formalizing governance, a business model and services are serving as the founding members of the partnership. They are:

- Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries
- ConnectNY
- Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust (EAST)
- Keep@Downsview
- Maine Shared Collections Cooperative (MSCC)
- Michigan Shared Print Initiative (MCLS / MI-SPI)
- Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALNI)
- Statewide California Electronic Library Consortium (SCELC)
- Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC)

By de-duplicating efforts and tackling large-scale projects and research issues that are out of reach of individual shared print programs, The Partnership will address issues of infrastructure, strategies, and research that aid in identification, digitization, and mitigation of loss of retained titles.

If you are a member of a monograph shared print program in the U.S. or Canada, or are considering starting such a program, please consider joining the partnership. Member programs pay a \$3,000 annual membership fee for the initial three years. Details of how the Partnership works are provided in the Membership section on Partnership website at <https://sharedprint.org/membership/> or by contacting info@sharedprint.org

Note: The Partnership is a federation of shared print programs, and not a separate program itself, individual libraries join through their programs.

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