



**Rosemont Shared Print Alliance
Print Archiving Network Update
June 2017**

Overview

Over the past 10 years and across North America, academic and research libraries have come together in groups to engage in collaborative print journal archiving programs. These groups have various configurations within states, provinces or regions. They all share the general goals of retaining and providing access to print journal backfiles and to create local opportunities to reclaim space.

Programs such as the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), Florida Academic Libraries Repository (FLARE), Scholars Trust, Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST) and many others have accomplished important cultural work of developing collaborative relationships within our respective regions. These programs have also achieved a great deal of “know how” and developed elements of the decision-support software necessary to support retention and gap filling decisions. Various collection strategies and operational models have been employed.

Since Fall 2015, four programs – Big Ten Academic Alliance Shared Print Repository (BTAA-SPR), Florida Academic Libraries Repository (FLARE), ScholarsTrust and the Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST) – have explored opportunities for collaboration. Meetings were held with shared print program officers and representatives from the boards and steering committees of the respective programs. The project team also continued to meet monthly via conference calls to further refine the mission, strategies and scope of collaboration.

Accomplishments (November 2016-June 2017)

Four activities were completed during this period:

- Adoption of the name Rosemont Shared Print Alliance
 - Creation of a website to host Rosemont Shared Print Alliance content :
<http://www.RosemontSharedPrintAlliance.org>
- Development of governance documents (final adoption at ALA Annual 2017), which outlines:
 - Membership
 - Committee structure

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- o Decision making process
- Approval of a RoadMap for the next five years:
 - o Increase collection growth by 100,000 additional titles
 - o Ensure 3 copies distributed geographically
 - o Establish and Implement a Last/Copy Policy
- Conversations with CRL and SCS regarding possible collaborations

Recommended Operational Activities

Based on the adoption of the Governance Documents and the RoadMap, the next activities to be completed by the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance are:

1. Establish representatives and leadership for the Executive and Operations Committees for the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance
2. Define new titles and basis for measuring growth to achieve the goal of 100,000 new titles and 3 copies
3. Align policies and create/ratify the Last Copy Policy.

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