



# PARTNERSHIP FOR SHARED BOOK COLLECTIONS

## Report to the Print Archive Network

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The Partnership for Shared Book Collections (<https://sharedprint.org>) is a federation of monograph shared print programs in North America. Our vision is to ensure the long-term preservation of, access to, and integrity of monographic print resources. For a full list of participating programs and their member libraries see <https://sharedprint.org/members/>.

Over the past six months the Partnership has:

- Hosted a webinar on [Analyzing Collections Using Gold Rush](#), which included presentations by EAST, Keep@Downsview, and the Ivy Plus Libraries Confederation
- Participated in the review of a report from the [OCLC's Reimagine Descriptive Workflows](#) initiative
- Become an official signatory of the [Statement on Using Controlled Digital Lending as a Mechanism for Interlibrary Loan](#)
- Worked with OCLC Research to begin scoping a pilot project to examine under retained subject areas; this work is part of the [Research Agenda](#) and expected to begin in 2022
- Participated in the [CCH Summit](#), see expressions of action below
- Convened a task force to explore alternative models of membership in the Partnership
- Convened a task force which has drafted a definition of 'scarce and unique materials' for the Partnership, currently under review by the Operations and Executive committees
- Participated in a presentation at Charleston: [Next Steps in Shared Collection Management](#)
- Begun reviewing the Partnership membership structure to provide better structure for mission outcomes, inclusion, and sustainability

As an outcome of the [CCH Summit](#), The Partnership submitted the following [Expressions of Action](#). These are currently being discussed by the Executive Committee and may be modified before their final submission at the end of the month.

1. Work with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance to convene the appropriate players within shared print including service providers, shared print programs, and library practitioners to discuss the development of more robust and flexible matching algorithms.
2. Advocate with service providers (and educate when necessary) on how the current MARC 583 standard can be used TODAY by both service providers and practitioners within existing workflows to further integration of shared print across the lifecycle of collection management.
3. Begin discussions about how to "reframe" the conversation around shared print to be focused more on "collective collections" in the hopes of broadening the perspective that both service providers and libraries have concerning the growing importance of shared print within collection management.

### **Rosemont and Partnership Collaboration**

The Partnership and the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance are beginning discussions on further aligning their work, and deduplicating efforts in areas of shared concern and interest. A first step in this effort is organizing a [Joint Partnership/Rosemont Member Meeting](#) to be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

## **Updates from the Partnership Working Groups**

### **Best Practices:**

Two new best practices have been created: [Best Practices for Facsimiles](#) and [Shared Print Education and Awareness](#). Several new best practices are in the works for 2022. These include partnerships, policy and strategy development, weeding, controlled digital lending, moving items to storage, collection analysis, succession planning, and geographic distribution.

### **Communications and Advocacy** (Joint Working Group with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance):

A new [infographic for Shared Print](#) is now available. This and previous communications materials will be made available in the Shared Print Toolkit slated to go live later this year.

The Resource Sharing task force presented at Charleston in November. The video should be available soon. They have also had a proposal accepted by the [2022 AkLA Conference](#) (Alaskan Library Association) in late February, titled "Shared Print and Resource Sharing: What's Happening".

A new task force on Weeding Communications is developing an FAQ to help in talking to constituents about weeding duplicate materials.

### **Infrastructure:**

The Infrastructure [Working Group's 2021 report is now available](#). This group is working closely with the CCH Collaborative on next steps in investigating and promoting infrastructure for Shared Print.

### **Research & Network Level:**

The Research and Network Level group is now meeting quarterly, with the work of the group being completed by the following four task forces which meet more frequently. See reports below.

*Cost and Value of Shared Print Task Force* - Developing potential methodologies for shared print programs to estimate the value they provide to participating libraries and the scholarly community.

*Shared Print Toolkit Task Force* - Developing a website to disseminate their work, slated for mid 2022.

*Risk Task Force* - Finishing work with Dr. Yano on a paper and tool to be discussed at summer PAN 2022. The group will also be submitting a paper on Bibliographic Accuracy for publication.

*Resource Sharing Research Task Force* - Currently analyzing the results of their first survey.

### **The following new task forces will be forming in 2022:**

Shared Print Statistical Data - what is available and how to collect and present it.

Multi-Part Monographs and Monographic Series in Shared Print - issues and challenges.

The Partnership wishes to extend many thanks to CRL for establishing the PAN-Ops listserv, devoted to open discussions of all things Shared Print. To join, go to <http://listserv.crl.edu/> and choose PAN-Ops.

**Partnership Governance** - The Executive Committee is currently chaired by Daniel Dollar, [daniel.dollar@yale.edu](mailto:daniel.dollar@yale.edu), with Peggy Seiden serving as vice chair.

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## **Upcoming Events**

[Joint Partnership/Rosemont Member Meeting](#) : Tues, Feb. 8, 2022, 9-12 PT / 10-1 MT / 11-2 CT / 12-3 ET