



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/>.

We would like to highlight the following major accomplishments from the Research & Network Level Working Group which has recently come to fruition after several years of work:

- The Risk Task Force has completed writing two papers which have been submitted to College & Research Libraries for potential publication. The first is "Assessing Bibliographic Accuracy as a Contributing Factor for Unintended Loss in the Shared Print Landscape", which summarizes the findings of a study the group conducted. This data feeds into the second paper on developing "A Model to Determine Optimal Numbers of Monograph Copies for Preservation in Shared Print Collections". Many thanks to Ian Bogus for shepherding this work, and presenting on the Optimal Number of Copies model at the [June 2022 PAN forum](#).
- The Toolkit Working Group is pleased to announce the first iteration of a Shared Print Toolkit, aimed at new and emerging shared print programs, available at Toolkit.SharedPrint.org. Additional information will be added to this site as it is developed.

Additionally, over the past six months the Partnership has:

- Begun a formal program assessment as the Partnership enters its third year.
- Following the [joint Member Meeting with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance](#) held in February, a joint task force has been formed to continue conversations on closer alignment of the two programs.
- Provided a letter of support for the SCLC and EAST IMLS proposal for a planning grant entitled 'Expanding Diversity and Inclusivity in the Collective Collection of Shared Print'.
- Continued work 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 later in 2022.
- Formed a 'Matching Algorithms Task Force' to look at existing record matching algorithms and how the impact shared print decision making.
- Through the work of the Working Groups, continues to work on the [CCH Summit Expressions of Action](#)¹.

Elections to the Executive and Operations Committee / Governance Updates

The Partnership will be entering its third year this July. With this comes the turnover of several seats on the Executive Committee. We would like to thank Tina Baich (ALI), Kirsten Leonard (PALNI) and Susan Stearns (EAST) for their dedication and stewardship of the Partnership from its inception. Their seats will be filled by

¹ The [CDL, CRL & HathiTrust Shared Print Collaboration](#) (CCH) held a [summit](#) in December 2021 which resulted in several programs and vendors [expressing their intentions for action](#) over the next year.

Teri Oaks Gallaway, Executive Director of SCELCL, Matthew Shaw, Dean, Ball State University Libraries (ALI member) and Matthew Sheehy, University Librarian, Brandeis University (EAST member). Peggy Seiden will be taking on the role of Executive Committee chair, with Daniel Dollar moving into the role of past chair.

We would also like to welcome Julia Proctor to the Operations Committee, as she will be taking on the leadership role at ConnectNY, replacing Pam Jones. We wish Pam well in her retirement, and thank her for serving as the Operations Committee chair for the past year. Alison Wohlers (UC Libraries) will be stepping up to chair the committee starting in July. We will also be welcoming Gabrielle Wiersma, Director of Collection Management at the University of Colorado Boulder as the new Member at Large. Many thanks to Paul Moeller for his service on the committee in that role for the past two years.

Updates from the Partnership Working Groups

Best Practices:

The group has completed [Best Practices for Program Partnerships](#) and [Best Practices for Transferring Commitments or Materials](#). Additional best practices being worked on this year include moving items to storage, collection analysis, succession planning, and geographic distribution.

The Best Practices group also supports the work of the “Shared Print Actions: Terminology for MARC 21 Field 583” group, which arose from the OCLC Shared Print Metadata Group. They are exploring the use of a complementary vocabulary to the currently used Preservation and Digitization Actions (PDA) which will focus more on the needs of shared print. Also under the auspices of the Best Practices group is the Shared Print Data Needs task force, which recently completed phase 1 of their work. This included designing an annual survey for Partnership members which will go out next month. Finally, the Best Practices group is working on a mechanism for using the best practices as an assessment tool for programs. The group is currently testing out their first iteration.

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

With the help of a communications professional, a “[what is shared print](#)” slide deck has been created, and is available from the [Toolkit communications page](#). The [wikipedia article](#) on Collective Collections is undergoing its yearly review and is being updated; and an invitation to present at the [Access Conference](#) in Atlanta is being responded to. A group also continues to work on messaging around weeding, and will begin marketing the new Shared Print Toolkit. For those interested in previous work of the group, the “Next Steps in Shared Collection Management” panel presentation at [Charleston Conference 2021 is now freely available on YouTube](#).

Infrastructure:

The Infrastructure Working Group has moved to a bi-monthly meeting schedule to accommodate members work on the Task Forces. Maggie Dull (Rochester University) takes over as Chair in July. Many thanks to Linda Wobbe (SCELCL) for chairing this group from its inception.

The Infrastructure Working Group has reconfigured and redefined two of its task forces to bring focus to the Partnership’s CCH Expressions of Action. The first is on Matching Algorithms (Claudia Conrad, California Digital Library, Convener) and this task force has begun looking into creating a sample data set that can be shared to use to compare record matching algorithms, along with drafting Shared Print use cases outlining the different levels of matching required for different functions. The second is Discovery and Metadata (Maggie Dull, Rochester University, Convener) which will explore the possibilities for library systems in support of the discovery and access of retentions for monographic shared print programs. While this approach is platform-agnostic, they will take as a use case Ex Libris’s Alma (ILS) and Primo (discovery layer). The group will

explore what Ex Libris and their system stack can currently do for discovery and access of shared print (i.e., leveraging the 583 note), explore program and library needs, and what current gaps could be filled. The end product of this work will be a summary detailing the above areas that can be shared with the wider shared print and Alma user communities.

The Resource Sharing Task Force (Linda Wobbe, SCELC, Convener) continues to meet with vendors and document support for Shared Print in their systems. The Infrastructure group continues close alignment with the CCH group to avoid duplication of efforts.

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 - Incorporating feedback from focus group sessions with shared print program representatives, they are creating a tool provisionally called the Shared Print Program Multicalculator, a modular set of online tools to assess the value of different aspects of shared print programs. They plan to build prototypes of at least one and possibly more of these calculator modules this summer.

Resource Sharing Research Task Force - The team is starting to draft the second of two planned surveys. This one will be targeted at participating libraries.

Risk Task Force and Shared Print Toolkit Task Force - See announcements at the beginning of this document.

Call for Participation

The annual call for participation in Working Groups will go out to the Partnership membership and PAN listserv next month. [We invite you to join us in our work.](#)