



## Quarterly Report, September 2021

The [Partnership for Shared Book Collections](#) 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.

In the last three months, since the [June 2021 PAN Report](#), the Partnership has:

- Continued collaboration with the Rosemont Alliance for Shared Print with a focus on communications and outreach
- Formed a [Research Agenda](#) group to prioritize areas of interest and presented the agenda at the [PAN ALA Annual 2021 forum](#).
- Continues to work closely with the [CCH Collaboration](#) to reach our shared goals while avoiding duplication of effort
- Wrote a letter of support for the SCELCE/EAST IMLS proposal to explore opportunities to enhance the diversity of institutional participants and collections in their shared print programs
- Created a task force to define what ‘scarce’ and ‘unique’ mean in the context of the Partnership. They are to report out by the end of the calendar year.
- Created a task force to explore alternative models of membership in the Partnership

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

The work of the Partnership is completed by four working groups, composed of over forty volunteers from the Shared Print community. Below are brief updates from the groups.

#### **Best Practices:**

The Best Practices Working Group is finalizing the Best Practices for Shared Print Education and Awareness, which included input from Partnership working groups of a similar nature. The group continues to work on several [new best practices](#), which will be finalized over the course of 2021, including succession planning and weeding. A small sub group continues to review the existing best practices for consistency, potential ‘How Tos’ and equity/diversity opportunities. The group is also doing an in depth review of the draft Best Practices for Shared Print Data Reporting in order to determine where and at what level Shared Print statistics can and should be gathered by the Partnership from the members. This is a discussion that has risen to the Operations and Executive committee meetings.

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

This group has completed a simplified “[What is shared print?](#)” document, and is now looking at adding some infographics to it. Resources from this group will be disseminated on the Shared Print Toolkit website, which is currently under construction. The Resource Sharing task force has had a presentation titled [Next Steps in Shared Collection Management](#) accepted at the Charleston Conference. The presentation focuses on collection management and resource sharing.



## Infrastructure:

The Infrastructure group has completed its first annual report consisting of results from surveying vendors on their support of shared print in resource sharing, discovery and collections analysis (unique materials identification). The reports have been shared with the Operations and Executive committees, and members of the CRL/CDL/HathiTrust collaboration. The group anticipates feedback from these groups on next steps and future directions, including potential pilot projects.

## 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.

*The Cost and Value of Shared Print Task Force* is working on developing a methodology for capturing costs of a variety of different shared print programs and services with the goal of developing a tool for libraries to use to estimate the cost of shared print participation currently and over time. They are also discussing developing an ROI model based on the finding from [ARL SPEC Kit 345](#) that the three primary perceived benefits of shared print are retention, access, and space.

*The Shared Print Toolkit Task Force* has completed documents on shared print membership, in-scope and out of scope materials and sample retention criteria. They continue to work on generating more content, e.g staffing and governance models, and building out a shared print toolkit website. They are also working with CRL to develop a mechanism for keeping the CRL Program Directory updated.

*The Risk Task Force* is holding Peer Advisory groups in September and October to discuss assumptions made in the risk model, which is nearing completion. A subgroup is also working on a draft paper sharing the results of its study on Bibliographic Accuracy.

*The Resource Sharing Research Task Force* conducted a survey of Shared Print programs this fall. Response rates were encouraging. The Task Force is currently analyzing results and intends to write up a brief summary report.

## Upcoming Events

### **Analyzing Collections using Gold Rush**

This 90 minutes webinar will feature presenters from the Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust, Keep@Downsview, and Ivy Plus Libraries Confederation highlighting the different ways their programs have utilized the Gold Rush Comparison tool in collection analysis projects.

Wednesday, October 6, 9:00 AM PT / 10:00 AM MT / 11:00 AM CT / 12:00 PM ET

[Register in advance for this event](#)