



PARTNERSHIP FOR SHARED BOOK COLLECTIONS

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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 [January 2022 PAN Report](#), the Partnership has:

- Held a joint Member Meeting with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance focusing on openness in shared print. [A recording and slides are available.](#)
- Put out a call for nominations for new members to the Executive and Operations committee to replace members who will be rotating off at the end of June. Elections will be held in May with results being reported out at the PAN ALA Annual 2022 meeting in June.
- Has begun work on the [CCH Summit Expressions of Action](#)¹, including charging a new group to look at MARC record matching algorithms, and reconvening an infrastructure group to explore vendor uses of the 583 data for access and discovery.
- Has begun planning for a three year assessment, as the Partnership enters its third year in June 2022. This assessment is also in preparation for further talks on the alignment of work with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance.
- 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 in 2022.

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 Working Group (BPWG):

The group recently completed two new best practices: [policy development and program management](#) and [program partnerships](#), which will be finalized in April. The BPWG is also now the host of two new task forces doing work on behalf of the Partnership and the shared print broader community, as described below.

First is the Partnership Data Needs group. This group is looking at the types of data the Partnership should request from their members to better support their work. This work will be based on a draft Best Practice for Shared Print Data Reporting.

The second is a group drafting a new document “Shared Print Actions: Terminology for MARC 21 Field 583”, which they are aligning with the Preservation community. They are currently working through individual discussions with shared print programs for feedback.

Finally, the Best Practices group is launching a new group to look at potential mechanisms for using the best practices as an assessment tool for programs. The goal is to be similar to the [STARS ILL Checklist](#).

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

Members of this group presented at the [PAN Midwinter 2022](#) - “Next Steps in Shared Collection Management”, and at the [Alaska Library Association Conference \(AKLA 22\)](#) - “Shared Print and Resources Sharing : What's

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.

happening”. Other projects the group is working on include putting together an “Intro to Shared Print” slide deck about shared print for non-librarians, and has begun work on materials for how to talk about weeding to various stakeholders.

Infrastructure Working Group:

The group is refocusing their work after pausing for a few months to attend and evaluate the work of the [CCH Collab Summit](#). They have met with CCH representatives to understand the relationship between the two groups, and are ready to re-engage with their work.

The Resource Sharing Task Force continues to meet with vendors for exploratory conversations for ways to use their tools to leverage retention commitments in resource sharing, and gather lending statistics both at the library and program level.

The Discovery Task Force is reconvening to investigate discovery and access, focusing on individual LSPs, starting with Alma/Primo.

The Unique Materials Task Force will regroup and rebrand to continue the work of looking at how to identify scarce and overlapping resources, and begin work on exploring matching algorithms.

Research & Network Level Working Group:

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 continues work 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 exploring data points used for calculation and investigating other program level tools that could possibly be extended for this purpose. They are also discussing how their work on ROI might be influenced by themes that emerged during the CCH Summit, such as the “collective collection”, shifting from preventing loss to enhancing engagement, and collections in the life of the user.

The Shared Print Toolkit Task Force is wrapping up work on their website resource, and will begin soliciting feedback soon. They will also be reaching out to original interviewees who provided guidance on what would be needed in a toolkit for feedback.

The Risk Task Force is working on wrapping up a Model paper which will describe the Risk Model Tool which was developed by Dr. Candace Yano in conjunction with the group. They expect to present the preliminary results of their work at the PAN ALA Annual 2022. They are also completing work on a bibliographic accuracy paper, which describes work that was undertaken to understand levels of bibliographic inaccuracies and how those could be accounted for in a risk assessment tool.

The Resource Sharing Research Task Force is currently analyzing results of their survey conducted last fall and intends to write up a brief summary report and next steps.

Collaboration with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance

The chairs of the executive and operations committees of the Partnership and the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance have begun discussions on how best to align the work of the groups, and how to evaluate a potential consolidation of the two federations.