



Quarterly Report, April 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 [January 2021 PAN Report](#), the Partnership has officially welcomed the Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL). For a full list of participating programs and their member libraries see <https://sharedprint.org/members/>.

Over the past three months the Partnership has also:

- Co-sponsored two webinars along with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance on [Registering and Working with Shared Print in OCLC](#)
- Continued collaboration with the Rosemont Alliance for Shared Print with a focus on communications and outreach
- Begun to outline a [Resources](#) section of sharedprint.org to serve as a clearinghouse for information on topics related to Shared Print, including hosting a Google discussion group for all topics related to Shared Print, discussion@sharedprint.org.
- Wrote a letter of support for the ICOLC OCLC Task Force outlining concerns and strategic needs of the monograph shared print community.
- Formed a Research Agenda group to prioritize areas of interest
- Continues to work closely with the [CCH initiative](#) to reach our shared goals while avoiding duplication of effort

Partnership Governance

In light of the growth of the Partnership two additional seats on the Executive Committee will be added with 3 year terms beginning July 1, 2021. A call for nominations will go out during the month of April.

The Executive Committee is currently focused on the following four areas:

- Advocacy and communication to Shared Print stakeholders and funders
- Controlled digital lending and Shared Print collections
- The loss and change of library leadership and influence as financial pressures increase
- Diversity, equity and inclusion of Shared Print members and their collections

The Executive Committee is working on press release templates and contacts. Members of the EC (and also the OC) are participating in two controlled digital lending groups to represent shared print perspectives. The EC has provided feedback to the Best Practices to pursue a succession planning best practice. The EC and OC met with Mike Furlough of Hathitrust to discuss DEI in the shared print space and where our two organizations might benefit from shared work.

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, chaired by Heather Weltin (HathiTrust) and Tony Fonseca (Elms College) have added two best practices documents: [Preservation](#) and [Exiting a Shared Print Program](#). Currently, the group is working on several [new best practices](#), which will be finalized over the course of 2021.

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

Chaired by John Burger (ASERL), this newly formed group has met twice to develop simplified messaging about shared print, focusing on non-librarian audiences. A draft will be ready for review/comment soon.

Infrastructure:

Chaired by Linda Wobbe (SCELC) the Infrastructure group continues to investigate topics of Resource Sharing and is meeting with vendors to outline needs and understand the current landscape.

This group includes members of the CRL/CDL/HathiTrust collaboration and will work closely with them to complement their efforts and to support their work while investigating methods of identifying unique materials and increasing discoverability.

Research & Network Level:

Chaired by Ian Bogus (ReCAP), this group currently has three active task forces described below, and is also beginning to investigate the impact of shared print on resource sharing.

The Cost and Value of Shared Print Task Force is finishing up it's first phase of literature and document review. One big takeaway from this portion of the project was that the corpus of writing on shared print is due for an update and that the final report of our group may help to fill that void. The next phase will be careful planning of our information collection tools and targeting respondents.

The Shared Print Toolkit Task Force has held interviews with new and emerging programs and is beginning to outline a 'shared print 101' toolkit.

The Risk Task Force continues to flesh out metrics for use in the 'number of copies' model that predicts the likelihood that at least one usable copy is available after a designated horizon which was developed by Dr. Candace Yano (UC Berkeley). Currently they are investigating degradation curves. A subgroup is also working on a draft paper sharing the results of its study on Bibliographic Accuracy.

Upcoming Events

Best Practices Webinar

1 hour introduction to the newest work of the Best Practices Working Group
Thursday, May 6, 3 p.m. Eastern / Noon Pacific
[Register in advance for this event](#)

Annual Partnership for Shared Book Collections Member Meeting

2 hour update on the Partnership featuring working group updates and a discussion on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
Tuesday, June 8, 1 p.m. Eastern / 10 a.m. Pacific
[Register in advance for this event](#)
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.