Rosemont Shared Print Alliance Update

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The [Rosemont Shared Print Alliance](#) is a collaboration of regional shared print journal programs that coordinate their efforts on a larger scale to ensure the retention of and access to print journal backfiles. Current participants include the Big Ten Academic Alliance, the Center for Research Libraries, the Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust, the Florida Academic Repository, Scholars Trust, and the Western Regional Storage Trust. The following provides an update on work undertaken by the Rosemont Alliance since our last report to PAN in June of 2021.

As of November, 2021, the participating libraries in the Rosemont Alliance member programs have made the following commitments to titles:

- Big Ten Academic Alliance – 10,628
- Center for Research Libraries - 52,272
- EAST – 29,444
- FLARE – 45,578
- Scholars Trust - 27,091
- WEST – 34,051.

Rosemont Total Holdings: 199,064 print journal titles representing an increase of more than 10% from 2020.

Last Known Copies Initiative

The Last Known Copies Working Group followed up on the pilot completed in 2021, having identified 61,538 titles held across the participating Rosemont Alliance programs for which only one copy was reported among U.S. holdings in WorldCat. At least 39 libraries have agreed to review the last known copy titles identified as being owned locally and to consider making retention commitments. Since this work is done locally and many of the institutions are undertaking some level of validation prior to confirming commitments, we expect the work to continue well into 2022. Once retention commitments have been made, the libraries are asked to record them in their local catalogs and work with their Rosemont program staff to ensure both the CRL PAPR database and WorldCat are updated to reflect the new retention commitments.

Strategic Directions

At its December 6, 2021 annual meeting, the [Rosemont Executive Committee](#) approved the updated Strategic Directions for 2022-2024. These strategic directions focus on the following:

- **Collection Growth and Security:** Establish milestones for collection growth and retention, including adding new titles and more copies to the collective collection.
- **Shared Policies or Guidelines:** Align operational policies for registration of retention commitments, preservation actions, discovery of, and access to shared print journal collections.
- **Advocacy & Engagement with Other Programs:** Explore potential partnerships with other organizations and programs in the U.S. and Canada, as well further our close collaboration with the Partnership for Shared Book Collections.
- **Infrastructure:** Work with partners across the shared print landscape to support the ongoing development of important infrastructure tools that assist in decision-making for our programs and their participating libraries.

One significant additional suggestion was that the Rosemont Alliance consider making Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion more prominent in our initiatives and decision making. This will be an important topic for further discussion. For more details of the Rosemont Alliance's Strategic Directions, please see here.

Participation in the CCH Summit

Along with its sister shared print federation, the Partnership for Shared Book Collections, the Rosemont Alliance was invited to participate in the CCH Summit for Shared Print in the Collections Lifecycle. Rebecca Crist, BTAA, Judy Russell, FLARE, and Stephen Connaghan, Scholars' Trust, represented Rosemont with Rebecca presenting a short update on Rosemont activities, past, present and future. During the concluding session of the Summit, Rosemont committed to the following expressions of action which will be further reviewed by the Rosemont Operations and Executive Committees in the coming weeks:

1. To reinforce the need to collaborate more broadly and work more collaboratively with the Partnership including conversations on collection analysis and record matching.
2. To share guidelines and best practices created by the Rosemont Alliance which may be adaptable for libraries and programs not currently members of the Alliance.
3. To commit to continue to play the role of "serials nag" as the shared print community moves onward.

Other Current Projects

Ongoing collaboration with the Partnership for Shared Book Collections

Over the last six months, the Alliance has continued to work closely with colleagues in various working groups and initiatives of the Partnership for Shared Book Collections, most notably in the development of Best Practices and the Joint Communications and Advocacy Working Group. To further cement the importance of this collaboration, the two federations are planning a **joint membership meeting scheduled for February 8, 2022**. Registration details are available here. Over the coming months, the two groups will be investigating additional ways to reduce the duplication of efforts, particularly on topics relating to resource sharing and through investigation of how best to coordinate public-facing tools such as their websites.

Registration in WorldCat

As reported in June, both EAST and FLARE have effectively completed the registration of their retention commitments in PAPR and are finalizing synchronizing those commitments with OCLC WorldCat. Thanks to CRL for this assistance in working with more than 35 Rosemont Alliance libraries to complete this registration. Both ASERL (Scholars' Trust) and WEST have active ongoing registration programs with CRL and WRLC is finalizing their plans based on specific program considerations. In many of these cases, ongoing metadata cleanup work is required as a by-product of the registration.

Gap Filling Initiative

Members of a task force focused on gap filling completed a review of program practices for filling known gaps in retained titles, with six of the seven programs filling gaps on an ad-hoc basis and three actively requesting volumes to complete gaps. Little documentation on effective gap filling processes is available; JRNL, PAPR and local systems being the most common tools for undertaking gap filling activities. It was agreed that the Rosemont Alliance's role in filling gaps should focus on developing documentation, offering pathways for identifying and filling gaps through the development of best practices and encouraging cross-program offers where possible. The task force expects to consider a pilot in the coming year.

Access Working Group

Formed in the Fall of 2021, this working group was charged with assessing resource sharing and statistical data collection capabilities for shared print with a focus on better understanding the impact of the lending of items held under retention in shared print collections across programs. Initial conversations with OCLC may result in the formation of a Rosemont GAC to facilitate the gathering of statistics. In addition, the group is considering establishing best practices for compiling statistics from ILLiad, Alma, OCLC WorldShare ILL and other sources. The Partnership and individual shared print programs are also investigating issues around the usage of shared print materials; our working group will seek to coordinate these efforts to reduce duplication.

Storage Partners

Following work on the Last Known Copies initiatives, a task force was formed to discuss the role of the Rosemont Alliance in coordinating long-term space for retained serials and journals titles, including making storage in existing facilities available for titles being deaccessioned elsewhere and investigating the use of third-party storage options. Following initial discussions within the task force, the programs surveyed their member libraries to gauge support for Rosemont's involvement in facilitating storage. MOre than 90% of those surveyed see a role for Rosemont in coordinating long-term storage and 66% of those with storage facilities would consider making space available. The task force is continuing its work into 2022.

For documentation and additional information, please visit RosemontSharedPrintAlliance.org.

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