



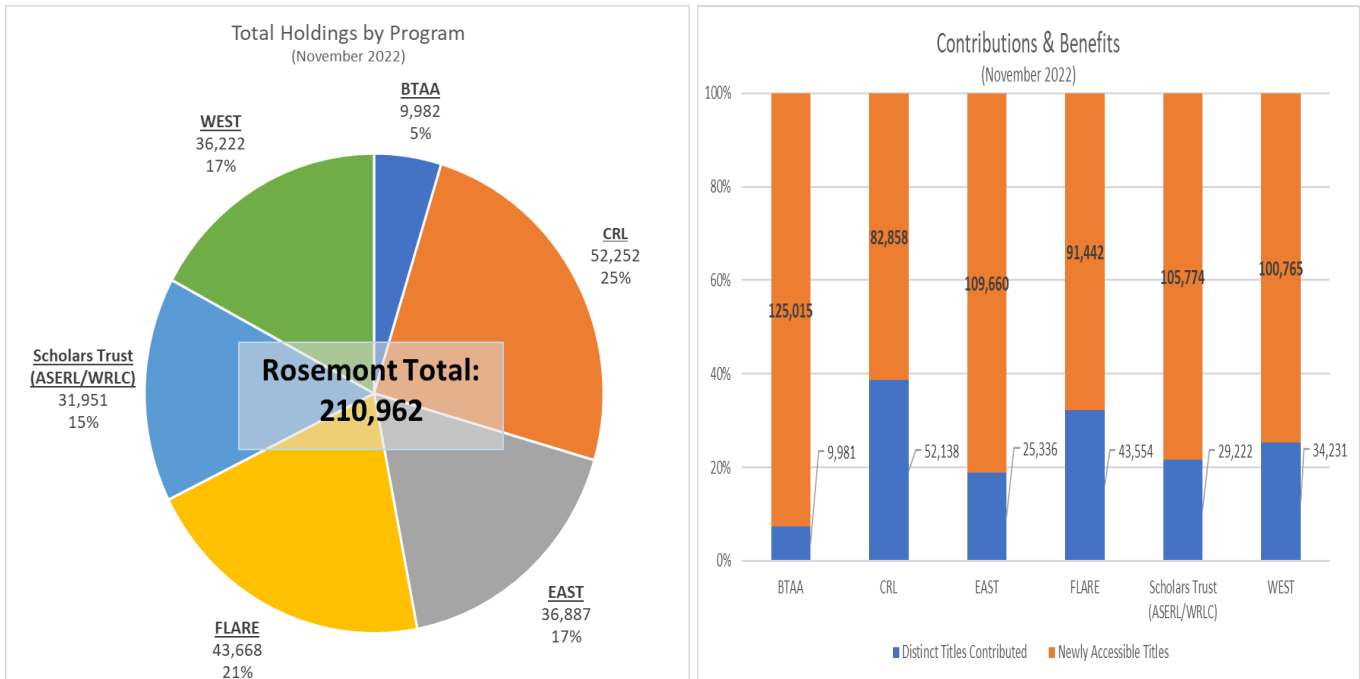
Rosemont Shared Print Alliance Update

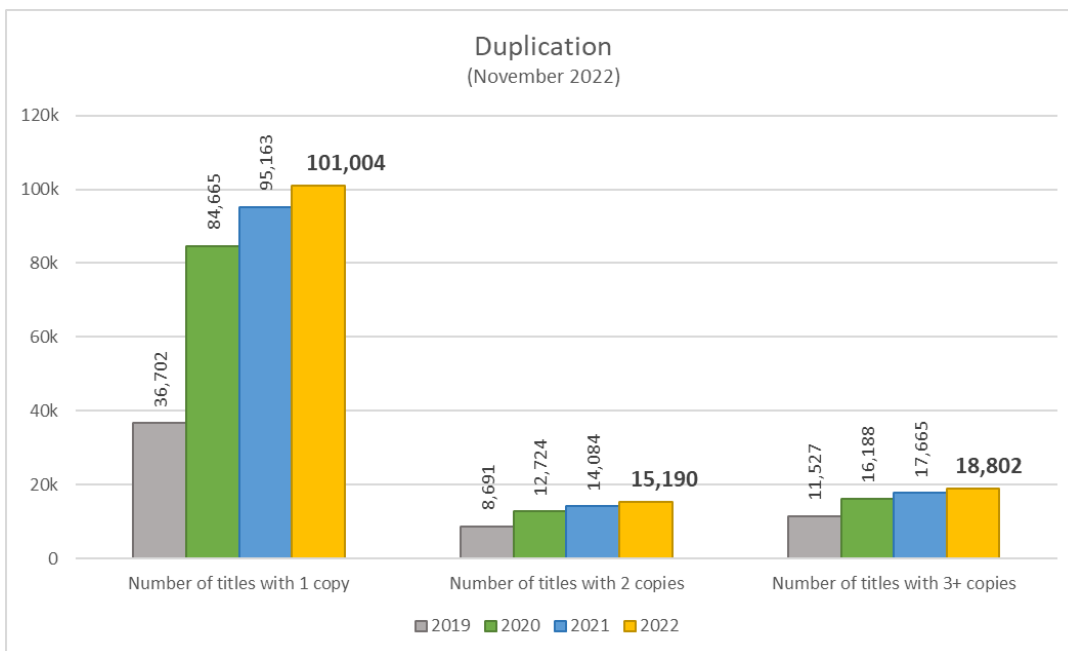
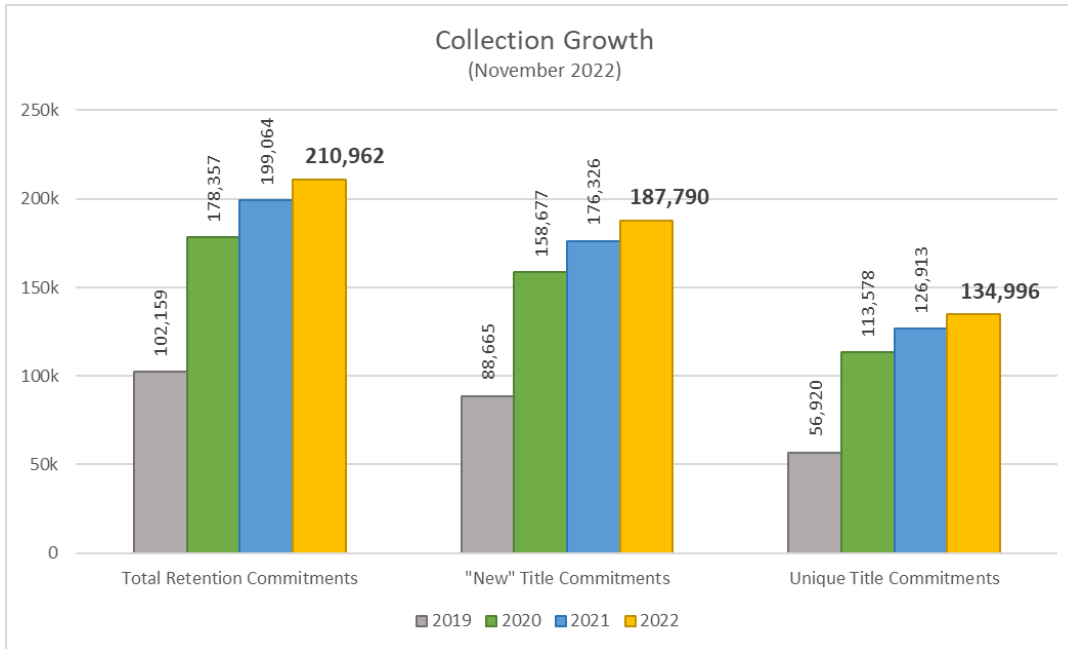
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The [Rosemont Shared Print Alliance](#) is a collaboration of regional shared print journal programs that coordinate their efforts on a larger scale to ensure the retention of and access to print journal backfiles. Current participants include the 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 2022.

Collection Growth

The Rosemont Shared Print Alliance is currently retaining 210,962 titles, spread across the six participating programs. The major areas of growth that we track are total retentions, “new” title commitments, unique title commitments, and number of titles with one, two, or three copies. Our definition of “new” titles is nuanced. A title is considered “new” until it has three copies. This is in order to track our progress towards the goal of retaining three copies of each title. We have seen a 6-6.5% increase in each of these categories in the last year. The Rosemont Alliance continues to make progress in increasing duplication of retained titles, but our largest gains are still in securing commitments for titles that are not yet retained by any of our programs.





Current Activities

The Rosemont Alliance continues to be active in shared print initiatives, participating in the ongoing conversations with the California Digital Library, Center for Research Libraries, and HathiTrust Shared Print Collaboration ([CCH](#)) and in joint planning activities with the [Partnership for Shared Book Collections](#) (Partnership). The CCH activities have led to further discussions with the Partnership, as well as the first joint member meeting in February 2022. A second joint member meeting is scheduled for February 2023. Much of the focus of the Rosemont Alliance for this year has been on conversations around understanding the benefits

of potentially merging with the Partnership. As part of that work, a survey is being distributed to leadership within both organizations to better understand attitudes towards the merger. Other documents, such as a rubric to guide decision making around the merger, have also been developed. More details about these activities will be available in future months.

The Rosemont Alliance has also continued to work in the areas of Gap Filling and Access, developing best practices and guidance for participants in the shared print community. The activities of these groups are still works in progress, but more details will be available this year.

A new subgroup, jointly charged by the Partnership and the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance, is being formed to facilitate discussions about shared print metadata practices and needs across the community. The group's first tasks will be to review current shared print disclosure terminology and shared print metadata guidelines. More information and a call for volunteers will be distributed in the coming weeks.

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

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