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## **ASERL Launches Collaborative Print Journal Archive Partnership with TRLN Libraries will Share 100,000 Volumes**

The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) has created a new cooperative journal retention program to serve as an important tool for research libraries seeking to manage their legacy collections of printed scholarly journals. More than half of ASERL's 40 member libraries are contributing materials to this program, which guarantees items will be stored and made available for use through 2035. To date, more than 200,000 volumes have been committed for retention among ASERL members, including approximately 100,000 volumes retained by ASERL libraries who are also members of the Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN).

The TRLN Cooperative Print Retention program was created in 2008 as a means of sharing print journals among the four TRLN libraries. TRLN is committing all of the titles in their program to the new ASERL Cooperative Journal Retention Program, and will continue to share this content as new titles are contributed.

"We're excited that TRLN's efforts can benefit a larger number of libraries, and look forward to additional contributions from ASERL libraries across the Southeast," commented Sarah Michalak, Associate Provost and University Librarian for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Ms. Michalak currently serves as the Chair of TRLN's Executive Committee and as ASERL's Board President. "Given ready access to so much digital content at our libraries, it makes great sense to create new options for managing print collections, especially during a time of increasing demand for new space and services within libraries."

"We were pleased there were very low barriers to contributing the titles retained by TRLN to the ASERL program. Libraries across the country are examining options for managing their print collections cost effectively, and ASERL and TRLN libraries are providing critical leadership in this area," added Mona Coutts, TRLN's Director.

John Burger, ASERL's Executive Director, concurred, "We hope that this new Southeast archive can also facilitate partnerships with other library consortia along

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the East Coast, to take better advantage of the scale and proximity of many important libraries.”

Additional information about this new partnership can be found at <http://www.aserl.org/programs/j-retain/> and <http://www.trln.org/singlecopy/index.htm>

#### About ASERL

Founded in 1956, the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries is the largest regional academic library cooperative in the country, with 40 members in 11 states. ASERL operates numerous projects designed to foster a high standard of library excellence through inter-institutional resource sharing and other collaborative efforts. By working together, ASERL members provide and maintain top quality resources and services for the students, faculty, and citizens of their respective communities. More information about ASERL can be found at [www.aserl.org](http://www.aserl.org).

#### About TRLN

Triangle Research Libraries Network is a collaborative organization of Duke University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. TRLN's purpose is to marshal the financial, human, and information resources of their research libraries through cooperative efforts to create a rich and unparalleled knowledge environment that furthers the universities' teaching, research, and service missions. See [www.trln.org](http://www.trln.org) for more information.

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