

ASSOCIATION of SOUTHEASTERN RESEARCH LIBRARIES



Washington Research Library Consortium

## PROGRAM AGREEMENT

# ASERL-WRLC Shared Archive of Print Journal Collections

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The libraries who hold membership in the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) and the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC) seek new options for sharing the costs and effort of long-term retention of print journals. This document has been reviewed and approved by the Boards of Directors at both ASERL and WRLC and all participating libraries in each consortium. The following agreement provides assurance that the journals designated under this agreement will be retained and available for research purposes as long as the need reasonably exists, thereby allowing participating ASERL and WRLC libraries to consider withdrawing duplicates of said items from their campus collections.

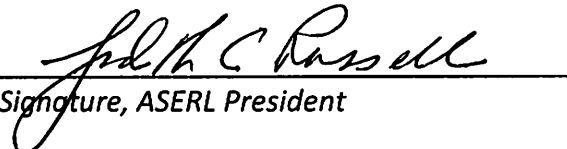
All nine libraries that are currently members of WRLC contribute materials to the WRLC archive, which is housed centrally in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Currently 24 of ASERL's 40 member libraries participate in ASERL's collaborative print retention program. The materials held by ASERL libraries are retained in various locations under various access and environmental conditions as deemed appropriate by each library.

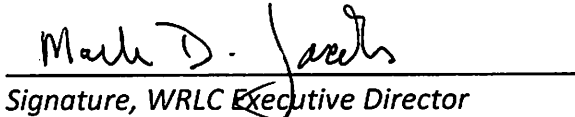
## OPERATING PRINCIPLES


- All costs associated with the implementation of this agreement will be the responsibility of the retaining library/organization.
- ASERL/its member libraries and WRLC/its member libraries will not charge the other party for any costs related to this program beyond normal ILL processing fees, when applicable.
- Each organization holds the other party/parties harmless for any actions that might infringe copyright or other rights in the materials or create other liabilities residing properly with the retaining library or organization.
- This agreement will be in effect until December 31, 2035. It will be reviewed in 2020 and 2030 to ensure the arrangement continues to provide value to the participating organizations. Following these reviews, changes to the covenants governing this agreement may be made in writing under terms that are agreeable to all participating libraries, the ASERL Board of Directors, and the WRLC Library Directors Council.


- Other changes to the procedures implementing this agreement may be made when approved by 2/3 of the participating libraries and reviewed by the ASERL Board of Directors and WRLC Library Directors Council. All terms of each organization's retention program remain in effect.
- A participating library may opt to discontinue their participation in this agreement at any time without penalty, but must provide written notice to ASERL and WRLC a minimum of 24 months prior to withdrawing from the agreement and offer to transfer ownership of said journals to another library for retention under this agreement.
- ASERL and WRLC will jointly maintain a "master list" of titles held under this agreement in a freely accessible database, using a process that is mutually agreeable.
- When needed by a user, participating libraries will provide a copy of content retained under this agreement consistent with that participants policies on copyright, copying, and access. Should a user need access to an original printed item, the participating library will negotiate the terms of access, to balance the library's desire for secure retention with the user's need to view the item in-person.

By signing below, we commit our respective organizations to the terms of this agreement.

  
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 Signature, ASERL President

  
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 Signature, WRLC Executive Director

  
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