Participating libraries

31 of 38 ASERL libraries participate in Scholars Trust. In addition, **FLARE** includes the **12 State Universities** in Florida and the **University of Miami.** The **Washington Research Libraries Consortium** (WRLC) brings an additional 8 libraries to the program for a total of 50 participating libraries.

Retention Commitments

- **A publicly-accessible list of the titles retained for Scholars Trust** is maintained on the program website so others can easily access the information. www.scholarstrust.org.
- A quarterly export of title records is also shared with the **PAPR Registry**, a national clearing house of journal retention data hosted by the Center for Research Libraries (CRL). In return, CRL provides reports that identify possible errors in our data so inaccuracies can be corrected.
- Program Growth - In May 2018, the Scholars Trust record count was **37,249**. In November 2018, the total record count is **37,934**, an increase of **685**. 80% of these holdings are unique titles within the archive; an additional 14% have a second retention commitment.

Top Contributing ASERL libraries [excluding FLARE] November 2018		
	Number of Records	Growth since 5/2018
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill	1,771	
Duke University	933	+ 1
National Agricultural Library	488	+ 488
Georgia Tech	469	
College of William & Mary	457	
University of South Carolina	336	+ 121
Virginia Tech	325	
Wake Forest University	179	
Virginia Commonwealth University	154	
University of Louisville	148	
University of Memphis	143	
University of Kentucky	131	
Emory University	124	+ 74
University of Alabama	122	
Tulane University	120	+ 1

Governance

Scholars Trust is governed by a two-tiered structure to foster the growth of the partnership, create strategic directions, and provide support and management for long-term, efficient and effective operations. Each participating consortium (ASERL, FLARE, WRLC) has delegations on the Governing Council and the Steering Committee.

- **Don Gilstrap** (U-Alabama) and **Tom McNally** (USC) are the ASERL representative to the **Governing Council**.
- **Lars Meyer** (Emory) serves as Chair of the **Steering Committee** and liaison to the **Governing Council**.
- **Millie Jackson** (U-Alabama) and **Jay Forrest** (Georgia Tech) are the ASERL representatives to the **Steering Committee**.

Journal Retention and Needs Listing (JRNL)

Scholars Trust libraries manage their journal retention commitments in the JRNL software hosted by the University of Florida. JRNL allows libraries to expose lists of print journals for which they have made retention commitments; and to express needs (or gaps) in their holdings. The software facilitates communication between library staff among participating institutions to identify holding commitments, gap filling opportunities as well as deselection decisions.

- ASERL, the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), FLARE, TRLN, WEST and WRLC record their retention commitments in JRNL; **80 institutions, with 83 locations**. Combined, over **54,600 commitments** are recorded in JRNL.

Outreach and Communication

- Scholars Trust Participant Survey, September 2018.
- Scholars Trust Governing Council met in Washington DC on September 24, 2018; hosted by George Washington University.
- Town Hall Meetings provide a forum to share the progress on current initiatives and operations and to elicit further feedback from all participating libraries. Two are held each year, and recordings are archived on ASERL website:
    - o June 18, 2018 – 30 people attended this session.
    - o **Save the Date:** December 12, 2018 | 2:30pm.

Rosemont Shared Print Alliance (RSPA)

- Scholars Trust, the Big Ten Academic Alliance Shared Print Repository (BTAA), Eastern Academic Scholars Trust (EAST), FLARE and Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST) join to develop program goals for significantly growing the corpus of print journals held under retention agreements. Initial 5-year program goals can be found at http://www.rosemontsharedprintalliance.org.
    - o **Don Gilstrap** (U-Alabama) is the ASERL representative to the RSPA Executive Committee.
    - o **John Burger & Cheryle Cole-Bennett** are ASERL staff representatives to the RSPA Operations Committee.
    - o **Lars Meyer** (Emory) is the Scholars Trust liaison.
- On November 5, 2018, RSPA program coordinators attended a daylong focus group to advise OCLC and CRL as they undertake a new Mellon-funded project to improve the data infrastructure for managing shared print collections.
- The Rosemont Executive Committee met on October 31, 2018 in Rosemont, IL.

CRL Collection Analysis Pilot

Six ASERL Scholars Trust libraries are participating in a serials collection analysis pilot with CRL. The goal of the pilot is to not only learn more about the capabilities of the CRL Collection Analysis service but gain a greater understanding of the scope of serials holdings among Scholars Trust libraries to inform our shared collection growth for both Scholars Trust and our participation in the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance. Libraries participating in the pilot include:

1. Emory University
2. University of Alabama
3. University of Florida
4. University of South Carolina
5. University of Tennessee-Knoxville
6. Virginia Tech

The most recent report in the series identifies the top three libraries with the deepest holdings of titles held among all six libraries. Currently under review, this report analyzes approximately 1350 titles, includes a comparison against holdings of other libraries in WorldCat - identifying potentially rare/unique titles, and identifies titles committed for retention by other shared print programs recorded in PAPR.

Our thanks to the staff at University of Tennessee Libraries for their extensive work on data visualization of these reports.