

### 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

- **Program Growth** - In May 2019, the total record count is **44,048** - an increase of **6,799** titles from this time last year. Approximately 5,900 of the additional titles were contributed by FLARE. Approximately 80% of retained titles are unique within the archive (a single holding library); an additional 12% have a second retention commitment.
- **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](http://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.

### 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 representatives 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.

Scholars Trust (ASERL + WRLC), the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), FLARE, TRLN, and WEST record their retention commitments in JRNL; **81 institutions, with 86 locations**. Combined, over **61,396 commitments** are recorded in JRNL:

- FLARE: 31,834 Titles
- Scholars Trust: 12,216 Titles
- WEST: 9,158 Titles
- Big Ten Academic Alliance: 8,188 Titles

## Outreach and Communication

- Scholars Trust Governing Council met via e-meeting on May 16, 2019. The fall meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2019; in Washington, DC - 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. The fall Town Hall e-meeting was held on December 12, 2018, 29 people registered for the program.

## 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>.
  - **Don Gilstrap** (U-Alabama) is the ASERL representative to the RSPA Executive Committee.
  - **John Burger & Cheryle Cole-Bennett** are ASERL staff representatives to the RSPA Operations Committee.
  - **Lars Meyer** (Emory) is the Scholars Trust liaison.
- RSPA program coordinators serve on an advisory 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 is scheduled to meet December 11, 2019 in Washington, DC.

## CRL Collection Analysis

During its April 15, 2019 conference call, the ASERL Board approved expanding the CRL Collection Analysis Pilot to the remainder of the ASERL Scholars Trust libraries. This is an important point in the lifespan of Scholars Trust as a collaborative endeavor. We will gain a greater understanding of the scope of serials holdings among all ASERL Scholars Trust libraries which will inform decisions about collection growth for both Scholars Trust and our participation in the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance.

### **Important Dates:**

- May 28 – Q&A webinar on records submission and the analysis process. To be recorded.
- June 3 – Proposed Scholars Trust Retention Model to be distributed for comment.
- **JULY 1** – DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARS TRUST LIBRARIES TO SUBMIT PRINT SERIALS RECORDS FOR CRL's ANALYSIS.
- July/August – CRL reviews and validates bibliographic data against WorldCat and analyzes holdings data provided by libraries to ensure each library has enough data at bibliographic and holdings level to make allocation decisions. During this process, libraries may be asked to review preliminary reports (Checks Report) of their analyzed data to confirm the records have been interpreted appropriately.
- August 30 – Scholars Trust Retention Model finalized
- Mid-September – Cross-Comparison Report is expected. The report will be reviewed, and criteria identified in the Scholars Trust Retention Model will be applied to select the titles on which to proceed with allocations assessment.
- Fall 2019 – Scholars Trust Town Hall e-meeting, Date TBD
- TBD – Allocations reports received