



## Retention Model for Scholars Trust

# Our goal for program growth

The Scholars Trust Governing Council seeks to secure retention commitments for **4,500 additional titles** over the next two years from ST libraries.

# Level of redundancy

The Scholars Trust Governing Council recommends that no more than three copies of a title be retained within Scholars Trust.

# An Initial Focus on Widely-Held Titles

- Maximizes withdrawal opportunities
- Provides local space savings | reallocation opportunities

While the focus is on widely-held titles, the retention of unique / rare titles is at the discretion of the library.

# How do we define “widely-held” titles?

The Scholars Trust Governing Council defines  
“widely-held titles” as any title with  
**7 or more holding libraries**  
within the Scholars Trust program.

# How do we define “rare / unique titles”?

The Scholars Trust Governing Council defines  
“rare / unique titles” as any title with  
**3 or fewer holding libraries**  
within the Scholars Trust program.

# Materials that are out of scope for the collection analysis

- Government documents - if encoded in the record
- Monographs- if encoded in the record
- Monographic series - if encoded in the record
- Non-print format - if encoded in the record
- Newspapers - if encoded in the record

# Exclusions based on keyword in title

Titles with the following words/phrases will be excluded from the analysis:

- reference work
- index
- directory
- loose-leaf reference work
- almanacs
- year books / fact books
- Handbooks
- Guide



A minimum standard of completeness  
for a title to be nominated for retention

The Scholars Trust Governing Council recommends  
any retention nominations have  
a minimum of 75% of a full run for widely-held titles.

Any rare/unique titles are NOT held to this standard.

# Priority for titles without secure electronic access

The Scholars Trust Governing Council recommends that titles without secure electronic access be given a higher priority when selecting titles for retention.

NOTE: This is NOT a recommendation to exclude others, just a recommendation for prioritization.

# Priority for titles with no existing retention commitments

The Scholars Trust Governing Council recommends that titles with no retention commitments in either Scholars Trust or the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance be given priority when selecting titles for retention.

# REMINDER: Reciprocal Retention Agreement

*All participants in the Rosemont Alliance ( ← includes all  
Scholars Trust libraries)*

*agree and affirm that all holdings retained by their  
respective programs are also retained under the  
Rosemont Shared Print Alliance and, by definition,  
subject to the Rosemont Alliance Access Principles.*

What about titles where there are three existing retention commitments within Rosemont?

The Scholars Trust Governing Council recommends that titles with fewer than 3 copies retained within RSPA should be nominated for retention within Scholars Trust.

Where 3 copies of a title are already held within RSPA, no additional copies should be nominated for Scholars Trust.

# We welcome your feedback

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