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## ASERL Publishes 2021 Annual Report

<<ATLANTA>> -- Today the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) published its 2021 Annual Report, highlighting its ongoing track record of service during challenging times. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, ASERL delivered a record number of professional development services to its members, saw record growth of its shared print journal collections, and published a groundbreaking resource guide for libraries looking to expand their resource sharing options using Controlled Digital Lending. ASERL's 2021 Annual Report can be found online at [www.aserl.org](http://www.aserl.org).

Founded in 1956, ASERL represents 37 research libraries in 11 southeastern states. "ASERL members have a long, proud tradition of sharing resources to advance the research, teaching, and learning missions of our universities and the communities they serve," commented Tim Pyatt, President of ASERL's Board of Directors and Dean of ZSR Library at Wake Forest University. "During challenging times, we rely on these longstanding trust networks more than ever."

"It's a truism that when things get tough, ASERL gets busy," added John Burger, ASERL's Executive Director. "It was true when the financial crisis hit in 2008, following natural disasters that impact our members... in so many ways. ASERL's staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers are committed to implementing our shared vision for research libraries in the Southeast."

### About ASERL

Founded in 1956, ASERL is one of the largest regional research library consortia in the United States, serving 37 institutional members in 11 states. ASERL cultivates important conversations and nurtures relationships among library leaders in the Southeast. By working together, ASERL members provide and maintain top-quality resources and services for the students, faculty, and citizens of their respective communities. ASERL is housed in the Robert W. Woodruff Library at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. See [www.aserl.org](http://www.aserl.org) for more information.

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