



The Year in Review

May 2018

Participating libraries

The **University of North Carolina – Charlotte** and **Florida State University** sign on to Scholars Trust in 2017, bringing the number of ASERL libraries participating in Scholars Trust to 31. In addition, **FLARE** includes the **12 State Universities** in Florida and the **University of Miami**. The **Washington Research Libraries Consortium (WRLC)** brings an additional 9 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 2017, the total record count in JRNL is **34,712**. In May 2018, the total record count is **37,249**, an increase of **2,537**. 80% of these holdings are unique titles within the archive.

Top ASERL Libraries by growth in retention since 2017

| Library | Records 05/2017 | Records 05/2018 | Growth |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| UNC-Chapel Hill | 514 | 1771 | 1257 |
| William & Mary | 6 | 484 | 478 |
| Duke | 607 | 932 | 325 |
| USC | 69 | 215 | 146 |
| Tulane | 9 | 142 | 133 |
| U-Louisville | 37 | 148 | 111 |
| Florida State University | 0 | 66 | 66 |
| Johns Hopkins | 0 | 53 | 53 |
| East Carolina | 6 | 49 | 43 |

Top Contributing ASERL libraries [excluding FLARE]

| Library | Records 05/2018 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| UNC-Chapel Hill | 1771 |
| Duke | 932 |
| William & Mary | 484 |
| GaTech | 474 |
| U-Florida | 442 |
| VaTech | 325 |
| U-Kentucky | 225 |
| USC | 215 |
| WakeForest | 179 |
| VCU | 154 |
| U-Louisville | 148 |
| U-Memphis | 143 |

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.**

Outreach and Communication

- Scholars Trust Participant Survey, May 2017. (Note: preliminary results shared during Town Hall meeting in June, and revisited during December Town Hall).
- ASERL Spring Membership Meeting, June 1, 2017, Charleston. Tom McNally (USC), [Expectations for Shared Print in the Long Term. What works, what doesn't? What can we do better?](#)
- 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:
 - June 14, 2017 - 27 people attended this session.
 - December 4, 2017 - 43 people attended this session.

Save the date: the next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 18, 2018.**

Rosemont Shared Print Alliance (RSPA)

- In May 2017, the Rosemont/Thinking Bigger initiative is branded the [Rosemont Shared Print Alliance](#), an organization committed to ensuring the preservation and availability of print journal literature. Scholars Trust is a founding partner, along with the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA), the Florida Academic Repository (FLARE), and the Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST).
 - **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.
- ASERL deans approved the [RSPA Access Principles](#) at the Fall membership meeting, November 2017, Miami. Awaiting final approval by RSPA.
- A webinar and Q&A session were held in January 2018 to present information on the **Sustainable Collection Services (SCS)/OCLC** model proposed for collection analysis tools and services to facilitate large-scale, cross-regional decision making. A survey was also distributed to provide feedback to the RSPA Operations Committee.

Please visit the <http://Rosemontsharedprintalliance.org> website for more information.

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 pilot is running behind schedule. Preliminary reports had been expected in March 2018.