



## Program Update October 2019

### Participating libraries

34 of ASERL's 38 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 52 participating libraries.

### Retention Commitments

- **Program Growth** – At the end of September 2019, Scholars Trust libraries were retaining **44,426 titles**, an **increase of 378** since June 2019. Approximately 82% 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.

### CRL Collection Analysis

In July 2019, over 1 million records were submitted by 33 ASERL libraries (35 OCLC symbols) participating in the ASERL CRL Collection Analysis. This is an important point in the lifespan of Scholars Trust as a collaborative endeavor. This project will enhance our understanding of the scope of serials holdings among all ASERL Scholars Trust libraries and 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. This, and all future project webinars, are recorded and available on the ASERL website at <http://www.aserl.org/archive/>
- June 3 – Scholars Trust Retention Model 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.
- August 30 – Scholars Trust Retention Model finalized. <https://bit.ly/2pQzIqK>
- Mid-September – Cross-Comparison Report is expected. Participating libraries received their institution's reports **October 22, 2019**. This delay was the result of additional work CRL performed to increase the number of records included in the analysis.
- October 25 – ASERL hosts webinar featuring Amy Wood (Head of Technical Services at CRL) to provide an overview of the data contained in these reports. 38 people registered for the program.
- October/November - The title overlap and holdings data received and reviewed. Criteria identified in the Scholars Trust Retention Model will be applied to select the titles on which to proceed with allocations assessment.

- Mid-November – Allocations reports to be available to each participating library. Allocations will be managed through use of an ASERL Scholars Trust Retention Database, similar to the Journal Retention & Needs Listing (JRNL) database. A database demonstration webinar will be scheduled, the date and time to be determined.

## 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, **63,458 commitments** are recorded in JRNL:

- FLARE: 31,776 Titles
- Scholars Trust: 12,652 Titles
- WEST: 10,842 Titles
- Big Ten Academic Alliance: 8,188 Titles

## Outreach and Communication

- The Scholars Trust Governing Council met in Washington, DC on September 23, 2019, hosted by George Washington University.
- A Town Hall e-meeting was held on October 9, 2019, 53 people registered for the program. Two town hall e-meetings are held per year to provide a forum to share the progress on current initiatives and operations and to elicit further feedback from all participating libraries. Recordings of the e-meetings are archived on ASERL website.

## 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.