



PARTNERSHIP FOR SHARED BOOK COLLECTIONS

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The [Partnership for Shared Book Collections](#) is a federation of monograph shared print programs in North America. Our vision is to ensure the long-term preservation of, access to, and integrity of monographic print resources.

In the last three months, since the [June 2022 PAN Report](#), the Partnership has:

- Reported out the [results of the Partnership's 2022 assessment](#).
- Began launching [Best Practices Assessment Tools](#). A [webinar on October 18th](#) will introduce these tools.
- Created web pages for the [Value of Shared Print Working Group](#) which include their first calculators to determine the impact of shared print in offsite storage and costs of adding new members. [Feedback](#) is encouraged.
- Had the Risk group's paper titled "A Model to Determine Optimal Numbers of Monograph Copies for Preservation in Shared Print Collections" accepted for publication by College & Research Libraries, with a scheduled publication date of September 2023.
- Continued talks with Rosemont on closer alignment of the two organizations.

Updates from the Partnership Working Groups

Best Practices:

The Best Practices Working Group is excited to announce their new [Best Practices Assessment Tools](#). These tools provide shared print programs an opportunity to review and reflect on their program's policies and procedures. The criteria used in these assessment tools are based on the [Partnerships' Best Practices](#). To-date, shared print programs are able to assess their program's policies and procedures in the following areas: Exiting a Shared Print Program, Facsimiles, Policy Development and Program Management, Program Assessment, Resource Sharing and Access, Scarce Copies and Shared Print Education and Awareness. Several more areas will be available over the course of the next month.

The following Best Practices have been added to the website: [Moving Items to Storage](#) and [Expiring Commitments](#). Additional best practices being worked on this year include: collection analysis, succession planning, geographic distribution, and digital to print validation work.

Communications and Advocacy (Joint Working Group with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance):

- The [wikipedia article](#) on Collective Collections is undergoing its yearly review and is being updated with an eye towards distinguishing the nuances between collective collections and shared print.
- A presentation titled "Introducing Shared Print: What Resource Sharing Librarians need to know" will be given by Ben Walker at the 2022 [Access Conference](#) in November.
- The 'how to talk about weeding' group has completed a messaging matrix and faq which is currently under review and will be available later this fall.
- The group is also undertaking creating talking points for campus administrators and Shared Print partners.

Infrastructure:

The infrastructure working group continues to meet every other month, with the majority of their work being done by the following task forces. They have also recently been charged to revisit open retention data needs and opportunities, and to work with a consultant from PALNI as part of their [Open Bibliographic Data Planning Grant](#).

Discovery and Access Task Force - Reached out to ExLibris to explore existing network zones functionality. Currently the Shared Print designation in the local zone doesn't flow to the network zone. They will continue to explore the shared print functionality.

Matching Algorithms Task Force - The group is meeting every other week and has compiled a set of test records consisting of English language monographs from 2013-2017 for the thirteen Ivy Plus libraries. Many thanks to these libraries for sharing their data. The group is just beginning to do some comparisons of these records using the ReCAP and Gold Rush algorithms, along with an AI model from the California Digital Libraries. The results of these comparisons will be matched against use cases developed earlier this year.

Resource Sharing Task Force - Continues to meet with vendors to advocate for the visibility of shared print in resource sharing systems. Recent meetings with OCLC confirmed that the shared print retention flag is not yet visible nor actionable in their ILL systems, though they hope to get this on the FY24 development calendar. OCLC is beginning to roll out group analytics capabilities with detailed reporting options to shared print programs, and plans to launch RESTful APIs for Tipasa by December 2022.

Research and Network Level

Cost and Value of Shared Print Task Force - Incorporating feedback from focus group sessions with shared print program representatives, the group has built some model calculators now available on the [Sharedprint.org website](#), including the cost of adding new members and a services calculator.

Resource Sharing Research Task Force - The team is continuing to draft the second of two planned surveys. This one will be targeted at participating libraries.

Risk Task Force - In addition to the paper mentioned above, the group is working on resubmitting a paper on bibliographic accuracy which provides some foundational data for the use in the Optimal Number of Copies model.

Upcoming Webinar:

Shared Print Assessment Tools and Cost Calculators

Oct 18, 2022 11 am PT / 12 MT / 1 pm CT / 2 pm ET

[Please Register in Advance](#)

The Partnership would like to extend congratulations to the following IMLS grant recipients and looks forward to following their work:

- SCELC and EAST: [Expanding Diversity and Inclusivity in the Collective Collection of Shared Print](#)
- NISO, PALCI and Lehigh University: [Collaborative Collections Lifecycle Project \(CCLP\)](#)