



## What we do

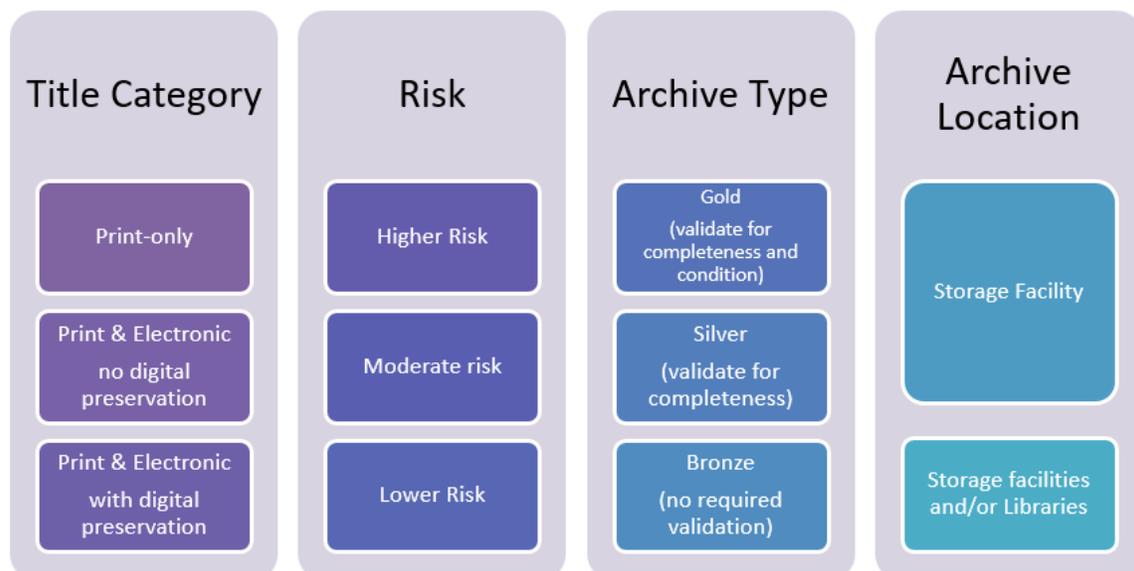
Collaborate across the western regional United States to build a shared, retrospective print collection of journals.

Our objectives:

- Preserve the scholarly print record through distributed retention commitments and targeted consolidation of journal holdings
- Provide access to retained materials
- Create opportunities to reallocate library space

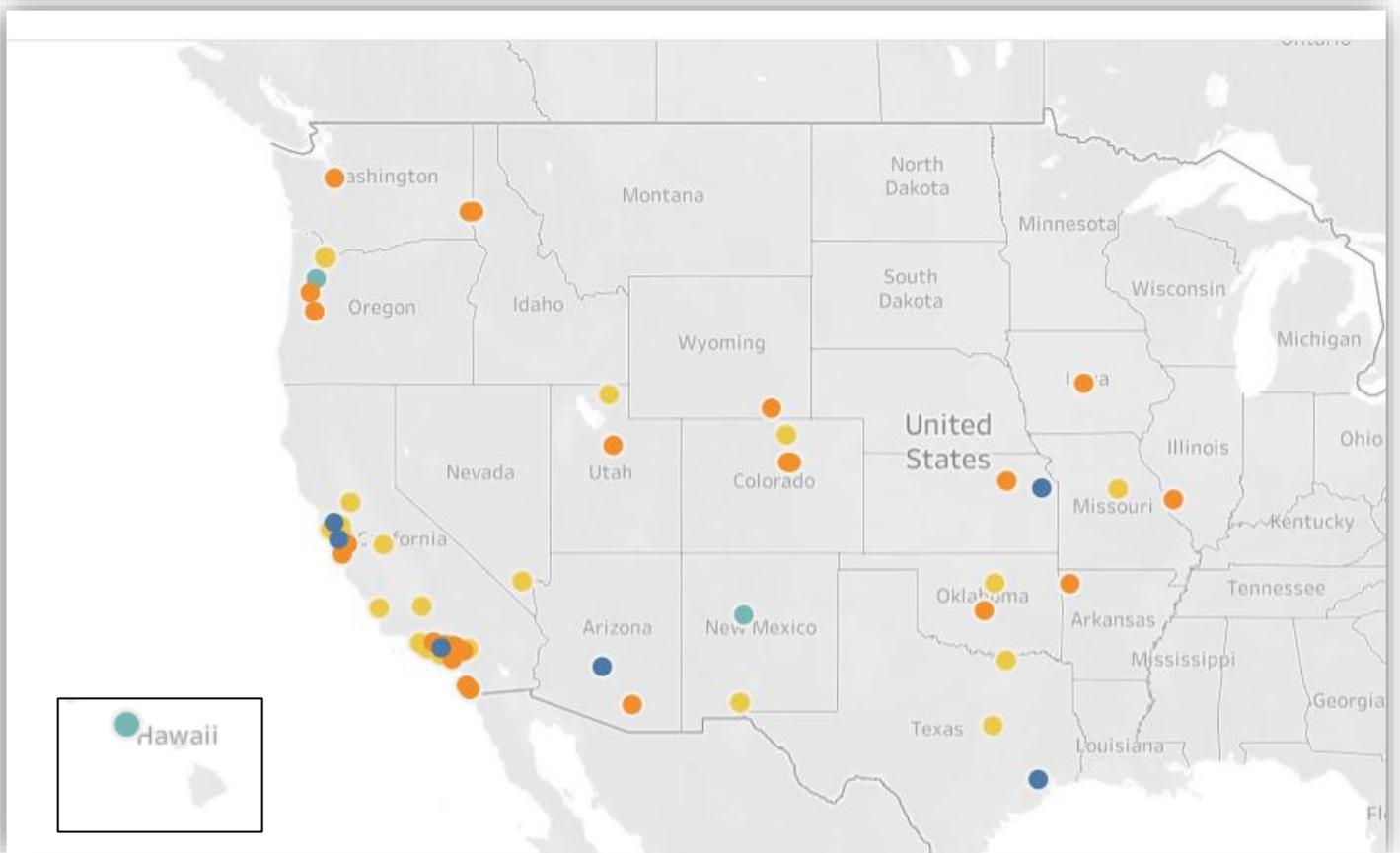
## How we do it

- Analyze our collective serial holdings using WEST's custom-built decision support tool, AGUA, to identity titles for retention
- Target our effort and resources based on risk for loss of content:
  - Higher risk titles are physically validated and consolidated in optimal storage environments
  - Lower risk titles are retained in-place as they are
- Explicitly record the retention in the local metadata for the titles; disclose what has been retained internally to WEST members and through public registries
- Provide tools for local decision-making and comparison against WEST-retained titles



## Who we are

66 academic and research libraries across 16 states.



**Dark Blue:** 6 Archive Builders – members that engage in physical validation and active consolidation of higher risk titles. These members retain titles in high density storage facilities that meet environmental and security standards.

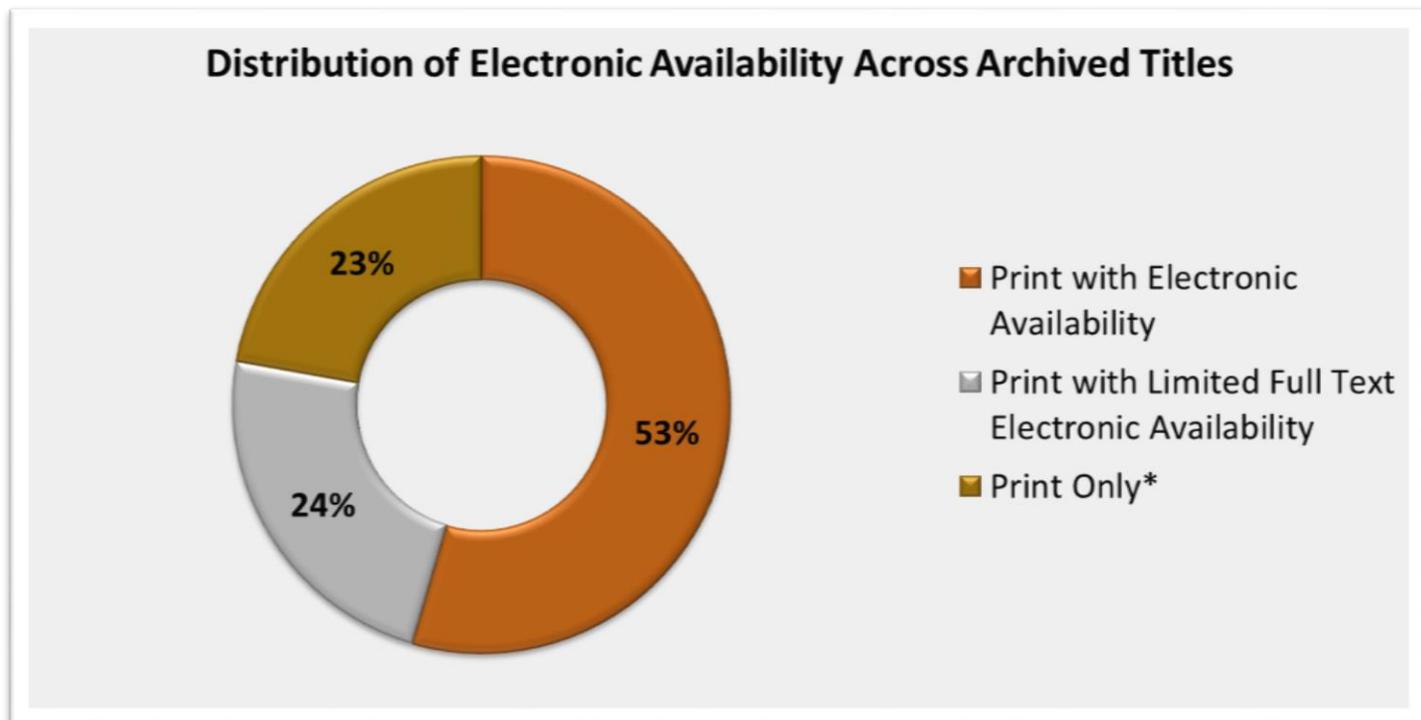
**Orange:** 33 Archive Holders – members that retain lower risk titles in place (service library or storage facility).

**Yellow:** 27 members that support the development of the collective collection by contributing volumes for gap-filling.

**Teal:** +5 Archive Holders who, while they are no longer active WEST members, continue to maintain and provide access to titles retained on behalf of WEST.

## Updates: The WEST Collective Collection

At the end of Cycle 7, the WEST collection reached a total of 26,246 unique titles.



\*Includes titles for which there is only abstracting and indexing electronic availability and titles with no clear electronic availability.

### Archive Cycles 8 and 9 (Fall 2018-Spring 2020)

WEST Members committed to a total of **3,948 titles**

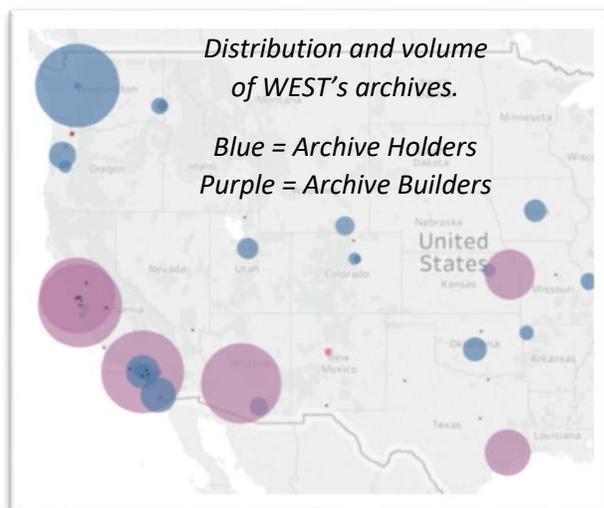
**Bronze:** 1,073 titles

**Silver:** 1,242 titles

**Gold:** 1,633 titles

Right now! Wrapping up disclosure for Archive Cycle 8 (anticipating disclosure of approximately half of the commitments for Cycles 8 and 9).

The latest AGUA All Archived Titles report shows that WEST partners have retained **~28,000 unique titles across over 40 institutions.**



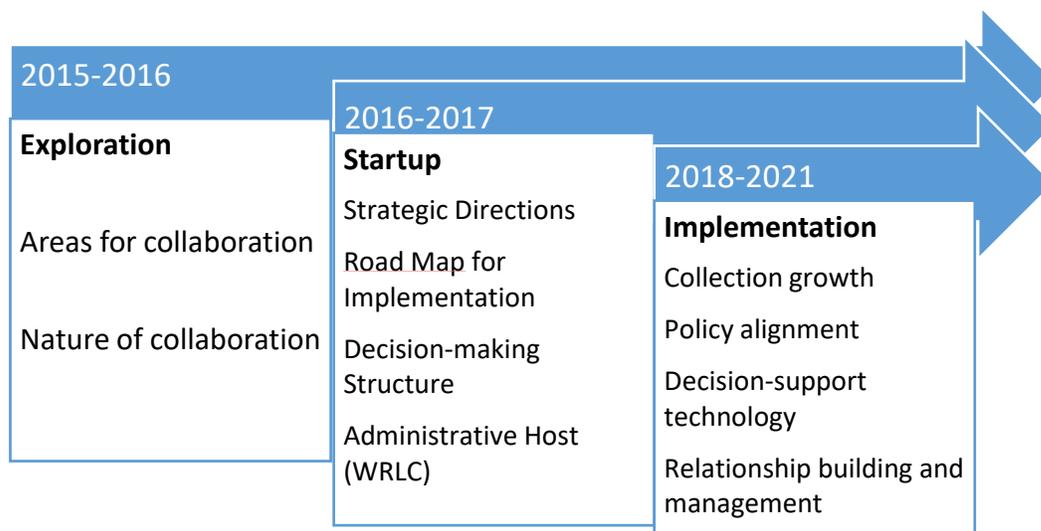
## Updates: Systems Development

**What do we mean by system development?** Many of WEST's activities are supported by an in-house tool called AGUA. AGUA is a dashboard and decision support tool that facilitates the analysis, selection, proposal, and commitment of titles for retention. AGUA also houses WEST reports and collection comparison capabilities. Every other year, we have the opportunity to engage in development work on AGUA to enhance existing capabilities and implement new ones to support shared print activities and member needs.

Enhancement Description	Purpose	Development Status
WEST institution roster	Facilitate communication among members to support gap-filling and other related activities	Complete
Add second match-point (eISSN) to title list matching	Improve accuracy of categorizing titles into Archive Types during collections analysis	Complete
User interface to provide location exclusions for collections analysis	Improve the ease and accuracy of gathering information from members on what to exclude from various levels of analysis	Final review after testing
Include local call number in analysis and member reports	Add more information for members to use when reviewing proposals and comparison reports; enhance the program staff ability to report out on subject distribution of the archive	Testing
Automate member data ingest and validation for collections analysis	Streamline unarchived holdings data ingest; provide automated error reporting to members	Testing
Create AGUA Journal Families	Cluster more records into journal families; for those records without the necessary match-points or an existing journal family – cluster and generate an AGUA ID	In progress
Derive missing ISSNs from other data for archived titles	Improve the accuracy of our archived titles database and reports for members	In progress

## Updates: WEST and Rosemont

**What is Rosemont?** A Shared Print Alliance of five regional programs that seek to leverage collective action to amplify the impact of their individual shared print efforts.

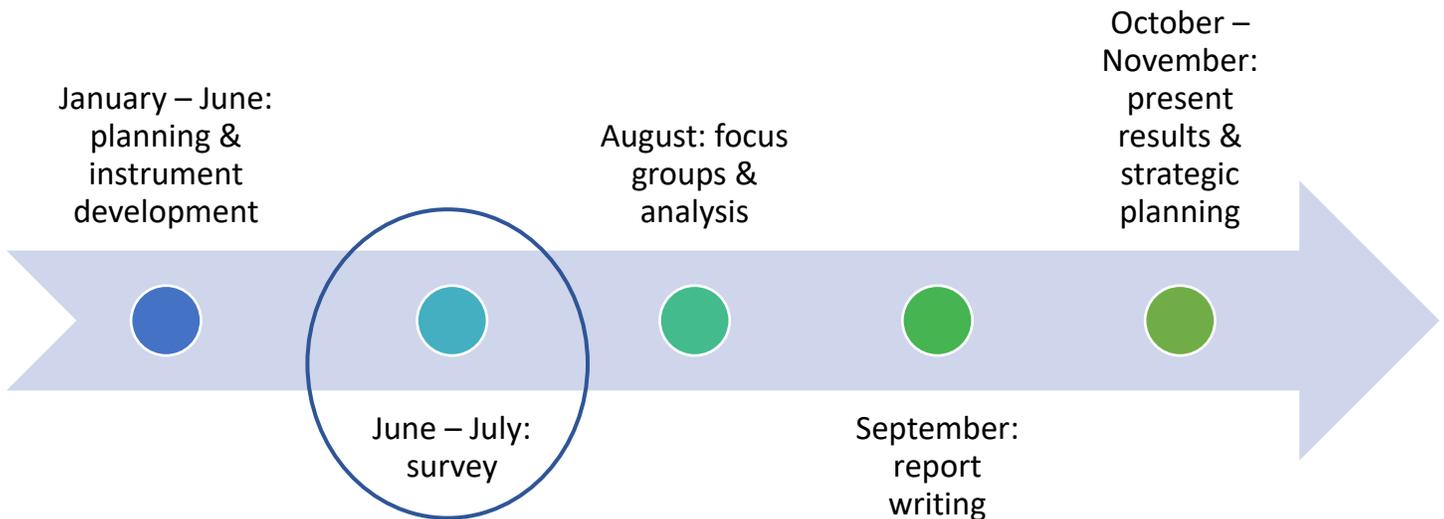


## What's coming up?

- Supporting the Rosemont Access Principles by reassessing resource sharing capabilities and related data collection for shared print
- Shared decision support solutions to facilitate
  - Accelerate the retention of new titles in the Alliance
    - Targeting 3 copies for each title
  - Last copy agreement & last copy initiative
  - Tracking and measuring collection growth
- Draft common metadata and volume validation guidelines (coordinating with the Partnership for Shared Book Collections)

## Updates: WEST Program Assessment

On Monday, June 17, 2019, WEST Primary Contacts and WEST Directors received a request to participate in a program assessment survey for WEST.



### *Among the areas of inquiry...*

- Understanding the “why” of participation in WEST
- The importance of WEST’s three primary objectives: preservation, access, and opportunities to reallocate space
  - What role do members see their individual institutions playing in the preservation of these materials? What is the responsibility of the broader academic library community?
  - Are members thinking about access to WEST titles primarily as “just in case”, as an immediate need, or a mix of both?
  - How many members are engaged in journal deselections activities? How does shared print and WEST archived titles influence the process?
- What metrics are members drawing on when discussing the role and value of shared print at their institution; what other metrics might WEST be providing to support local discussions?
- Potential changes to the WEST collection model and collaboration with Rosemont
- Member preferences on archive distribution, storage environment, validation level, scope of materials
- Potential new services

## What's coming up?

### Summer

- ✓ Collection comparison reports for full members (On Demand report available to all at any time)
- ✓ Program assessment focus groups

### Fall

- ✓ Request for local statistics (deselection, archiving, lending)
- ✓ Ingest of unarchived holdings data for collections analysis and selection of titles
- ✓ Full assessment report and webinars reviewing results with members
- ✓ The WEST Executive Committee and Operations and Collections Council meet for strategic planning

## Panel Discussion – The Value of WEST and Shared Print

A discussion focused on the role that participation in WEST, and shared print more broadly, plays in local print management strategies, what motivates institutions to take part in shared print efforts, and where WEST goes next – what is the future of shared print?

### Moderator:

**Michael Levine-Clark**, Dean of Libraries, University of Denver, WEST Executive Chair

*Before being elected to the Executive Committee in 2017, Michael served on WEST's Operations and Collections Council (OCC). In addition to WEST, he has taken a lead role in developing the Colorado Alliance Shared Print Trust.*

### Panelists:

**Lorrie McAllister**, Associate University Librarian for Collection Services and Analysis, Arizona State University

*Lorrie has served on the WEST Operations and Collections Council (OCC). Arizona State University (ASU) is one of WEST's six Archive Builders and has developed considerable expertise in the physical validation, consolidation, and disclosure of shared print retentions. ASU is also currently engaged in a multi-year, grant-funded project to ["reinvent the library's strategy and practice for open-stack print collections."](#)*

**Curt Asher**, Library Dean, California State University, Bakersfield

*Curt joins the panel as the Dean of WEST's most recent member: CSU Bakersfield. Colleagues at CSUB are currently engaged in a journal review project, leveraging all the tools available to WEST members, as part of a broad effort to strategically manage and provide access to print collections.*

**Rick Burke**, Executive Director, Statewide California Electronic Licensing Consortium (SCELC)

*Rick has been the Executive Director of the SELC since 1998. In addition to being one of the founding consortia of WEST, SELC launched a shared print program for monographs in 2016. The SELC shared print program has now completed its second round of retentions having secured commitments for 1.6 million titles among its initial two cohorts of 26 participating libraries.*

**Attendee Notes:**