



Western Regional Storage Trust

Member Meeting

June 23, 2019, 1:00-2:30pm

ALA Annual – Washington, DC

Agenda

Overview of WEST

Program Updates

Panel Discussion: The Value of WEST and Shared Print

Q&A



What we do

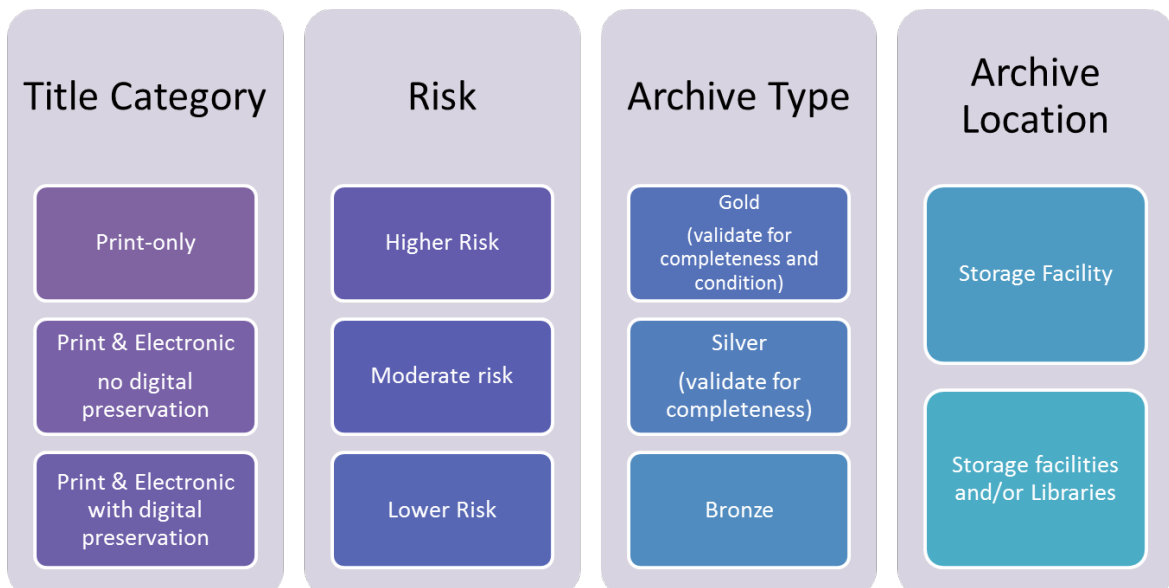
Collaborate across the western regional United States to build a shared, retrospective print collection of journals.

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

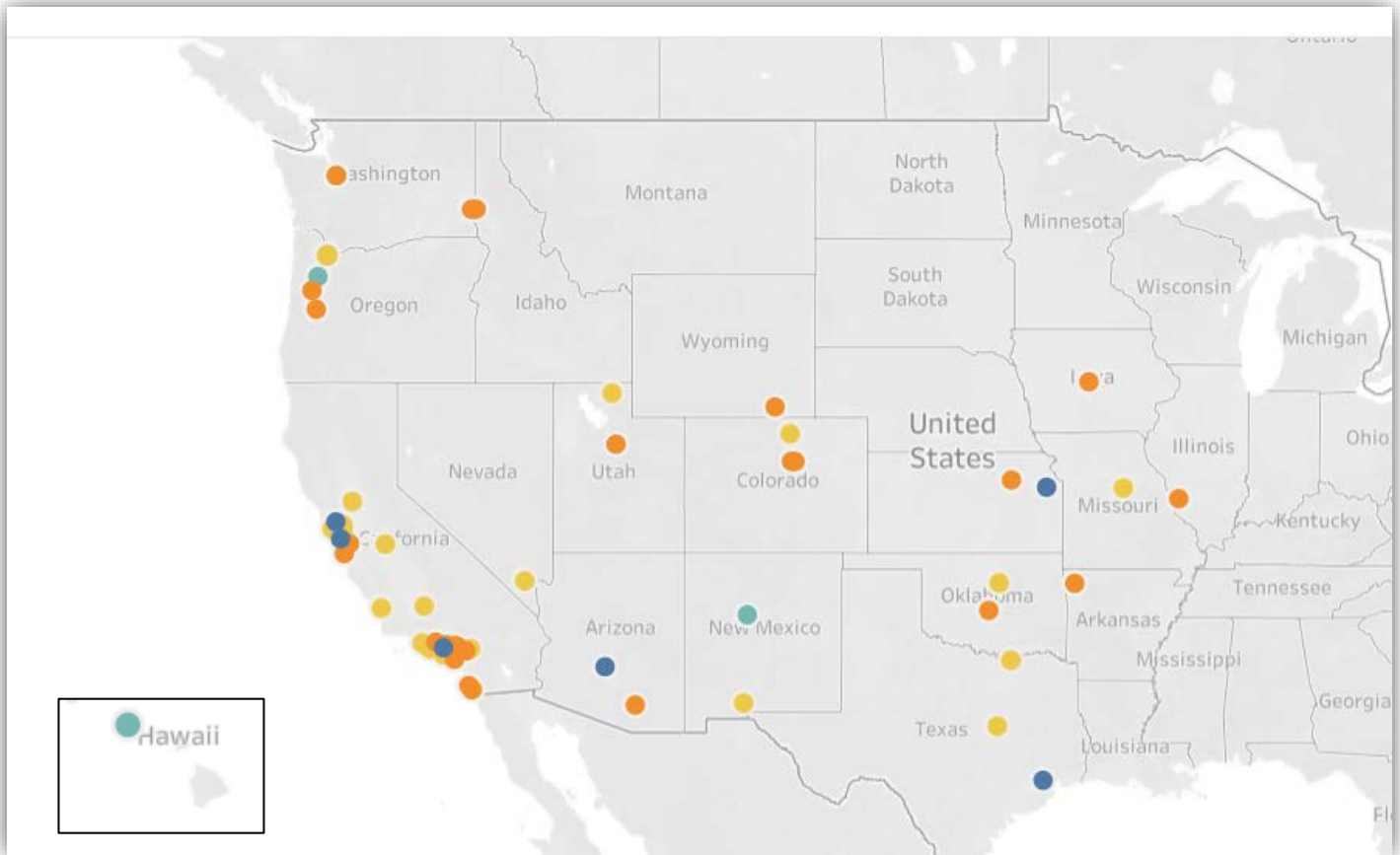
How we do it

- Analyze our collective serial holdings using WEST's custom-built decision support tool, AGUA, to identify 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

68 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.

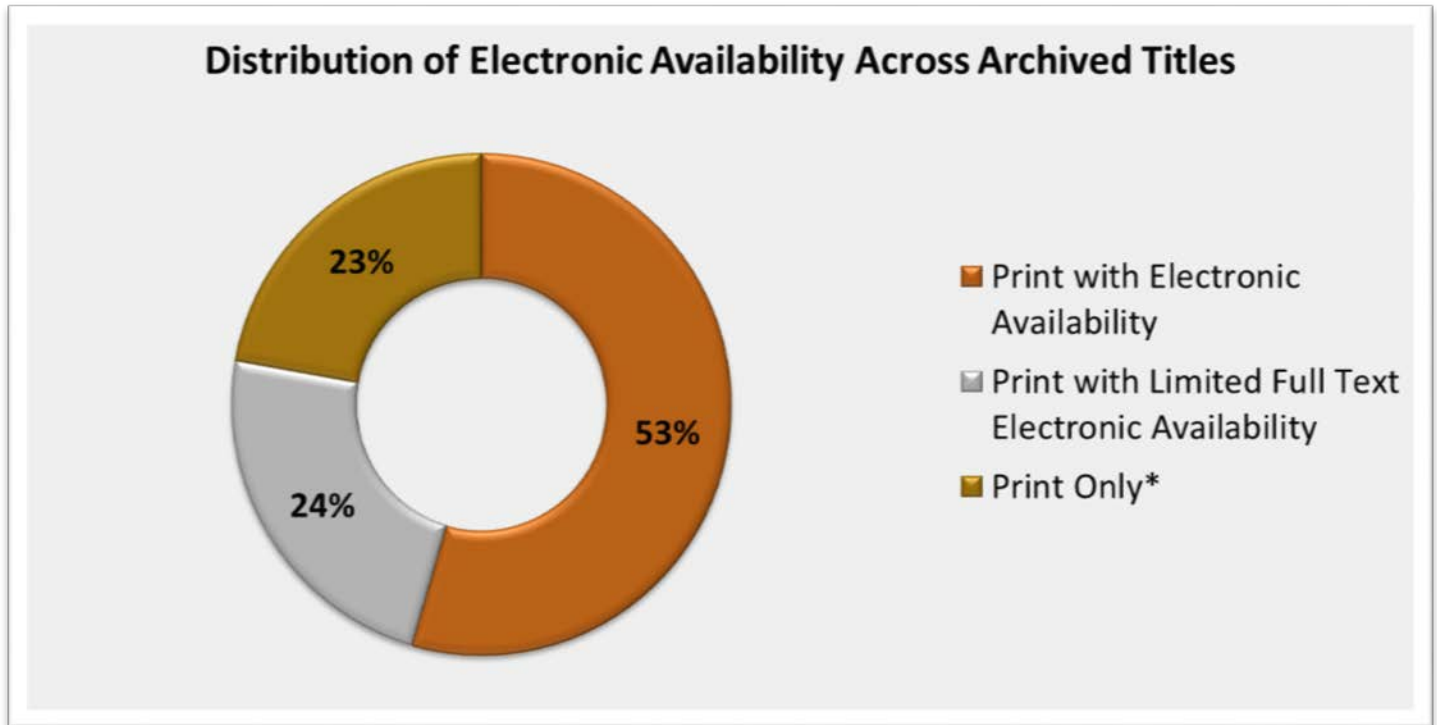
Orange: 33 Archive Holders – members that retain lower risk titles in place (service library or storage facility).

Yellow: 29 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Teal: +5 Archive Holders who, while they are no longer active WEST members, continue to maintain and provide access to titles retained on behalf of WEST.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)

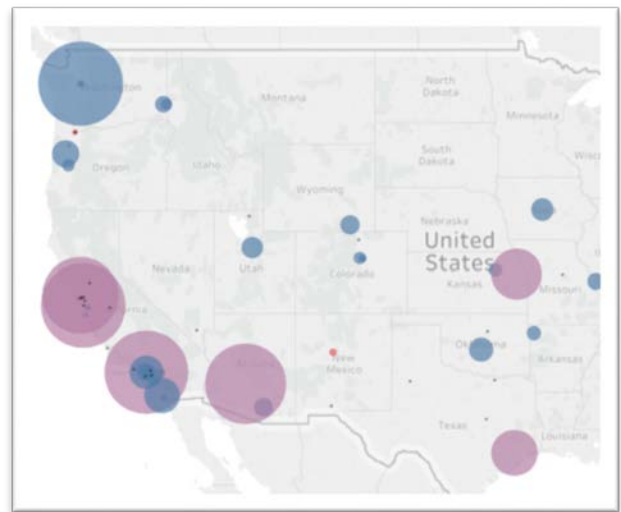
WEST Members committed to a total of **3,948 titles**

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).



Distribution and volume of the WEST collection across the membership. Purple indicates Archive Builders and blue indicates Archive Holders.

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
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	Adds a match point for local use	Testing
Automate member data ingest and validation for collections analysis	Streamline unarchived holdings data ingest; provide automated error reporting to members	Testing
Add second match-point eISSN to title list matching	Improve accuracy of categorizing titles into Archive Types during collections analysis	Complete
Derive missing ISSNs from other data for archived titles	Improve the accuracy of our archived titles database and reports for members	In progress
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

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 happened so far?

The Rosemont Partners have developed and implemented a governance structure; vision and mission statement; road map; participation model; and endorsed a set of access principles that supports sharing across the regional programs and expands the collection that participating libraries have access to.

What's coming up?

Updates: WEST Program Assessment

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



What's coming next?

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 2018, Michael served several terms on WEST's Operations and Collections Council (OCC). In addition to WEST, the University of Denver Libraries participate in the Colorado Alliance Shared Print Trust, which has, to date, primarily focused on monograph retentions.

Panelists:

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

Lorrie has also 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 streamline local print collections.

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

Rick has been the Executive Director of the SELC since _____. 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 is now in its second round of retentions having secured commitments for 1.2 million titles among its inaugural cohort of 14 participating libraries.



Attendee Notes: