



Vision: Reliable, innovative, and lasting preservation to ensure ready availability of the print scholarly record through a distributed network of committed and trusted partners sharing responsibility, stewardship, and decision-making.

Mission: To collaboratively develop, manage, and coordinate the identification, retention, and registration of a shared, distributed collection of print content across libraries, thus enabling discovery, access, and informed decision-making by member institutions.

Guiding Principles

- **Shared Responsibility and Stewardship**

Our top priority is preserving and making accessible the scholarly record both for our members, and also for the greater good.

- **Trust and Transparency**

Our work is built on a foundation of trust among libraries, supported by complete and accessible documentation and exceptional communication with member libraries.

- **Inclusion and Diversity**

We value diversity and inclusivity in our collaboration. We invite participation from the broadest range of libraries and individuals possible to meet our mission. We are committed to preserving a collective collection that represents the diversity of the communities we serve.

- **Equity**

We are committed to pursuing equitable models in stewarding the collective collection - from selection, to discoverability, to access, to governance.

- **Collaboration**

We welcome partnerships with organizations that have a similar mission to preserve the scholarly record.

- **Sustainability and Resilience**

We recognize that librarianship is a dynamic and ever-changing landscape. We commit to anticipating change, adapting to new needs, and expanding the range of WEST members and communities we serve.