

LIBRARY ADMINISTRATORS AND WEST

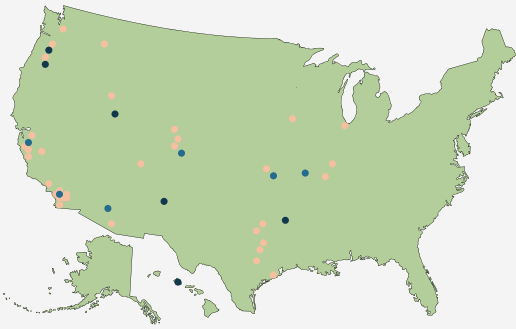
Library administrators play an important role in understanding and providing input on the strategic objectives of the program, as well as communicating those strategic objectives and the reasons for participating to other stakeholders at their institutions.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY AND INVESTMENT OF RESOURCES

Membership in WEST means contributing resources and sharing responsibility, but also sharing the rewards of collaborative action. By dividing the work, each member can focus on the priorities that are most important to them while still retaining access to the broader collection.



RETHINKING COLLECTIONS



A distributed WEST collection reduces the need to maintain duplicative collections locally and creates opportunities for libraries to reallocate space and resources to support other key services and the development of particular collection strengths.

Top 4 things a Library Administrator should know about WEST

#1

WEST Archivers are committed to the integrity of the scholarly record. Their work ensures that vital research materials are available when scholars need them, wherever they are located.

#2

The WEST collection can be relied on to supplement or stand in for local collections; they are, in essence, a “just in case” collection that can provide “just in time access” for users.

#3

WEST’s regional collaboration and national partnerships create a network of collaborative collection management, facilitating strategic management of local resources.

#4

WEST provides additional value back to members by creating and distributing resources, reports, and documentation to support local workflows and collection management decision making.