



Western Regional Storage Trust

WEST Program Refresher

January 22, 2026

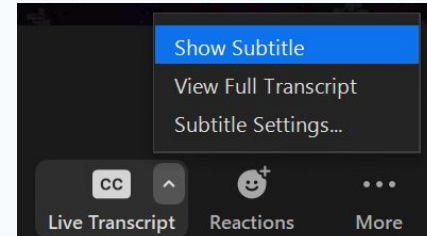
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Agenda

- ❖ Overview
- ❖ Collections Analysis & Archiving
- ❖ AGUA
- ❖ What's coming up
- ❖ Information and Communication Resources



Overview

What is WEST?



A trusted, regional network for print serials and journals that serves libraries large and small by

- ❖ ensuring preservation;
- ❖ enabling access; and
- ❖ empowering data-informed decision-making.

A Brief History

2009-2010	2011-2013	2014-2016	2016-2018	2019-2023	2024-
Planning Phase	Phase 1 - Implementation	Phase 2 - Expansion	Transition to sustainability	Evolution	Future
Outlined business model, archiving model, and standards	Established shared print collections at multiple libraries and storage facilities	Extended the work begun in Phase 1	Became fully member sustained; co-founded national collaboration (Rosemont)	Refining, enhancing, expanding opportunities and value	Implementing future of WEST recs.

A Brief History - The future is now

2024-

Future - Implementing future of WEST recs.

- **Streamlining work**
 - Simplified collections analysis & archiving requirements based on cost-benefit assessment
 - Created more opportunities for archiving participation
- **Controlling costs**
 - Reduced investment in regional technical development
- **Expanding impact**
 - Completed the first phase of digitization pilot with Internet Archive
 - Launched a pilot in January to enhance AGUA in partnership with HathiTrust and California Digital Library

Vision, Mission, & Guiding Principles



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

Trust and Transparency

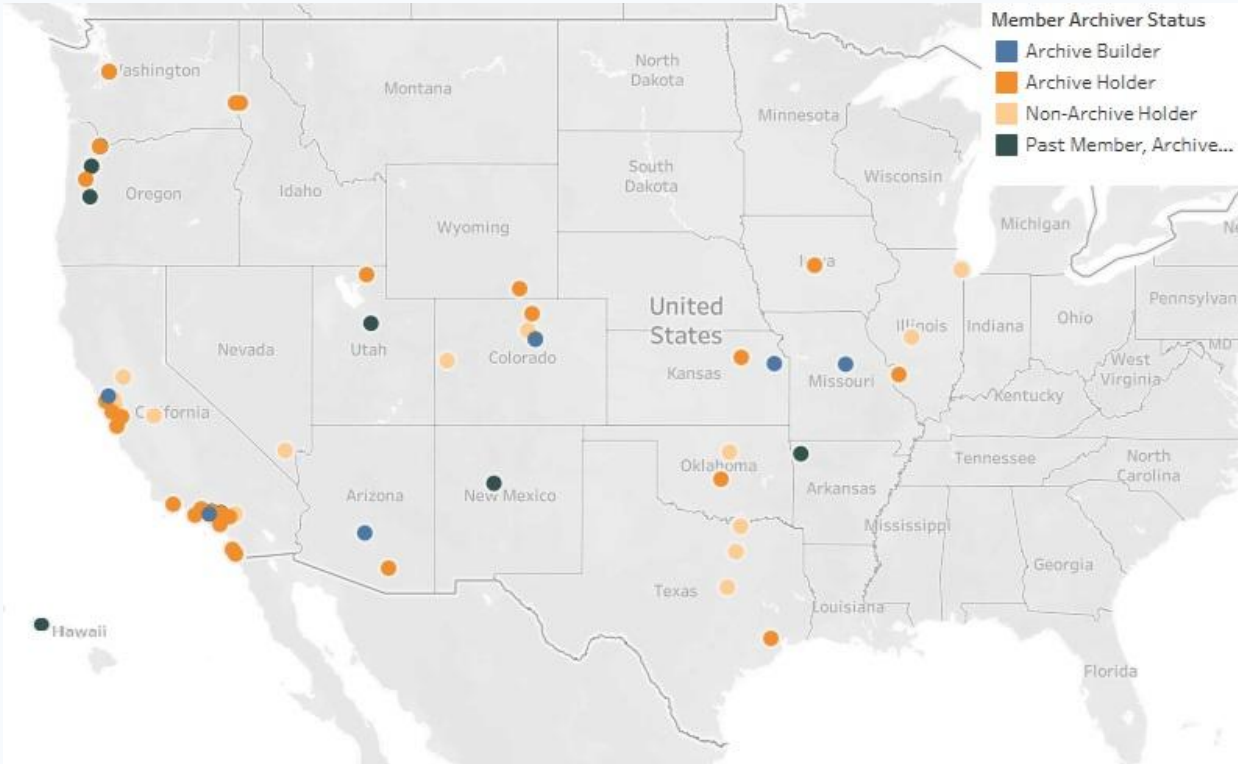
Inclusion and Diversity

Equity

Collaboration

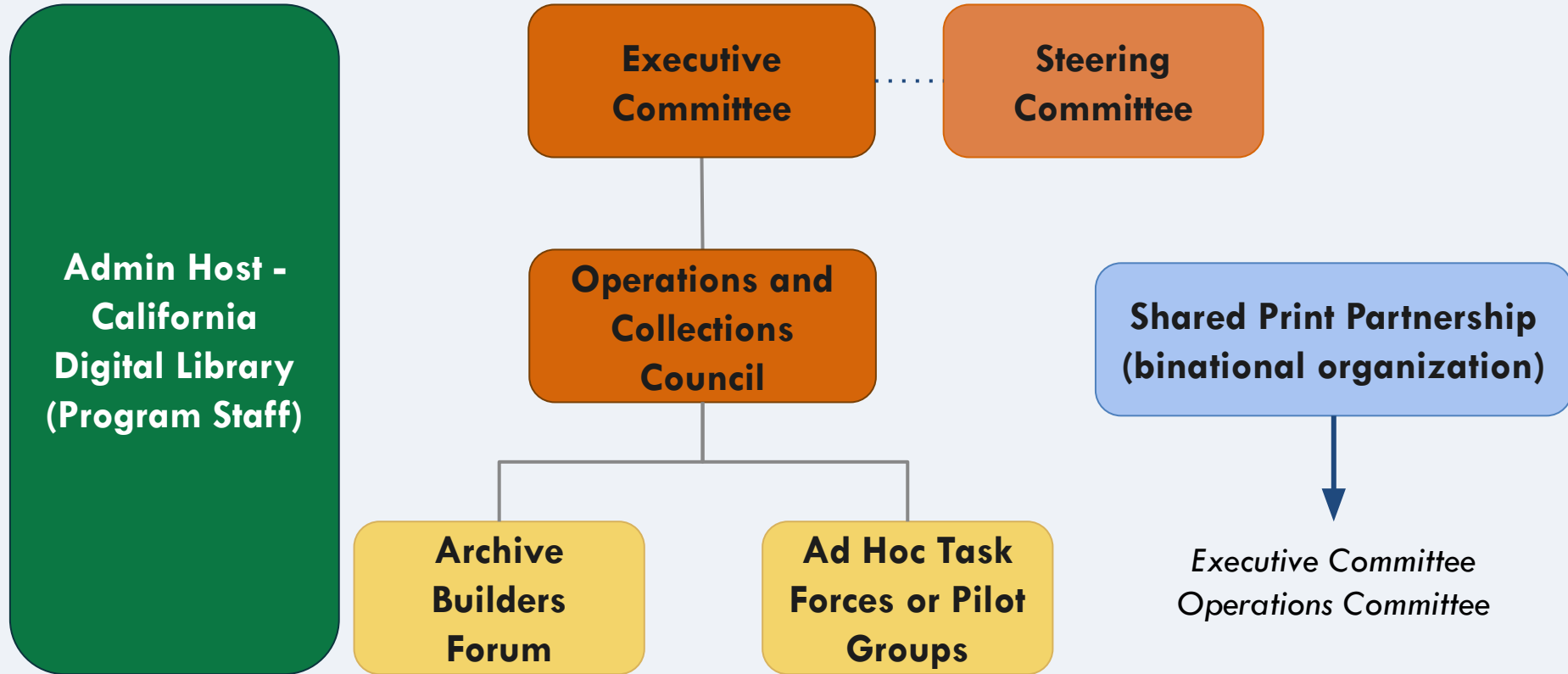
Sustainability and Resilience

Member Libraries



❖ 61 members
across 18 states

WEST Governance



Membership and Business Model

WEST is supported by

- ❖ Financial cost-share (member fees)
- ❖ In-kind contributions by members

WEST budgets in close alignment with its operating expenses

Operating budget for July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 ~\$ 736,226

FY26-27 Fee and Budget Advisory will be distributed to Primary & Director Contacts by the end of January!

How member fees are calculated and assessed

- ❖ Fees are tiered
- ❖ Three-year average of total library expenditures data
- ❖ Annual 3% increase to account for inflation

What WEST member fees support

- ❖ In-house technology & analysis
- ❖ Program management
- ❖ Archive creation

Questions?





Collections Analysis & Archiving



Analysis and Archiving 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

Analysis Overview

- ❖ Every 2 years
- ❖ AGUA analysis
 - Compare member holdings with each other and external sources
 - Initial archiving proposals
- ❖ Manual analysis
 - Select archiving proposals based on optimal archiver and priority criteria
 - Priorities change from analysis to analysis

Archiving Overview

- ❖ WEST makes proposals, Archivers make decisions
 - Long-term retention (through 12/31/2035)
 - Archiver retains ownership of materials
- ❖ Disclosure of...
 - Commitment to retain
 - Physical validation
- ❖ Gap filling
- ❖ Access to materials for WEST members

Archive Types & Archiving Activities

Risk profile	Risk level	Title Category	Validation	Archiving members
Print & electronic full text in trusted digital repositories (e.g. CLOCKSS, Portico, JSTOR, HathiTrust Digital Library)	Low	1, 6	No validation required	Archive Holders Archive Builders
Print with electronic abstracting or indexing or no electronic coverage at all, not held by an archive builder.	High	2	No validation required	Archive Holders
Print with selected text access through databases	Medium	3	Physical validation required	Archive Builders
Print with electronic abstracting or indexing or no electronic coverage at all	High	4, 5	Physical validation required	Archive Builders

Member Roles

Non-Archive Holders

21 current

- Contribute materials to fill Archivers' gaps
- Access to the WEST archives
- Receive reports and access to tools

Archive Holders

35 current
10 past members

- Low risk-level archiving
- Materials stored in open stacks or secure facilities
- No physical validation required

Archive Builders

3 current
6 former (now Holders)

- Medium and high risk-level archiving in secure facilities
- Physical validation
- Active gap filling to complete runs

Archiving Progress Cycles 1-14

WEST Unique Archived Holdings	
No Validation	21,367
Volume Level	8,259
Issue Level	10,043
Grand Total	36,669

Over 834,000 volumes!

Titles Archived by Validation Level

Volume-Level

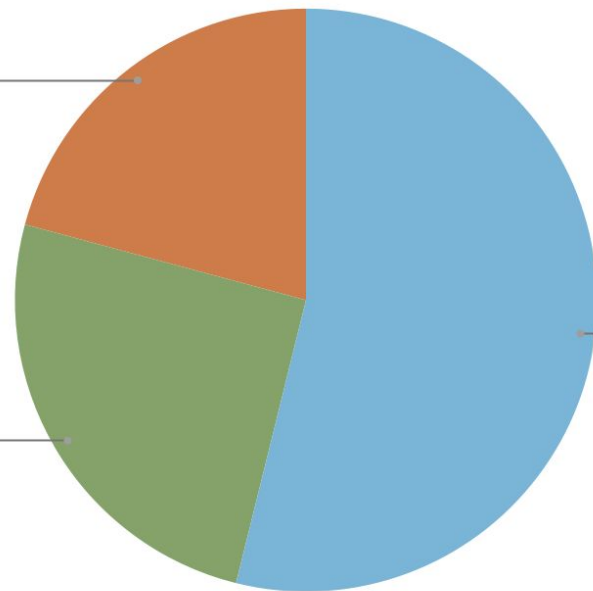
20.8%

Issue-Level

25.3%

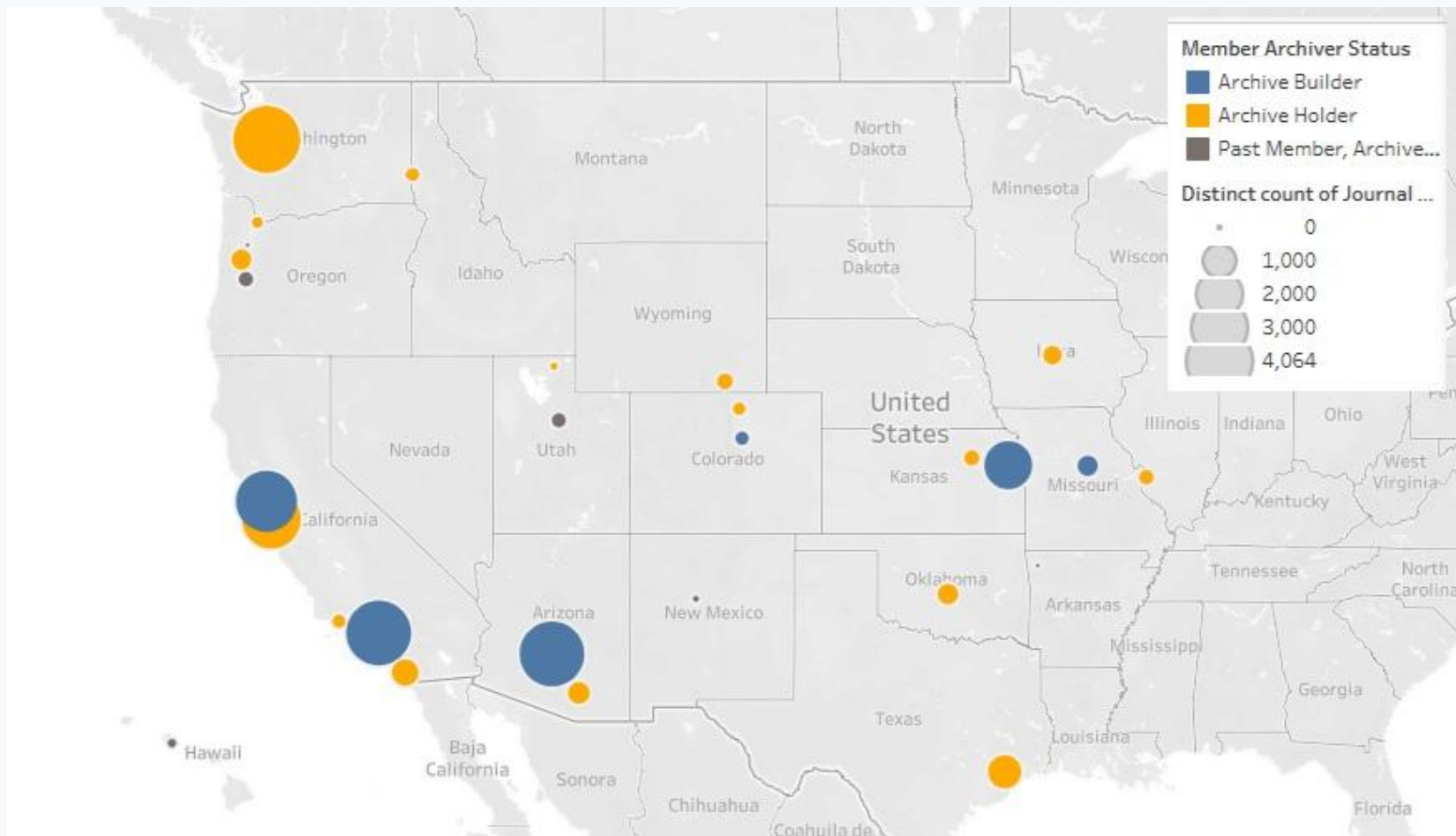
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WEST Archives

(Cycle 14)



Questions?

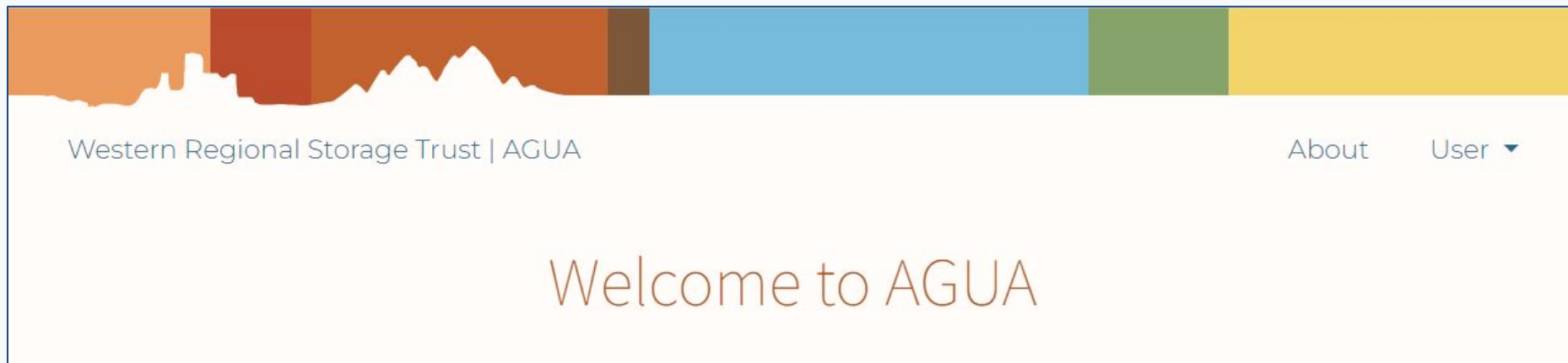




AGUA

AGUA Overview

- ❖ Group collections analysis
- ❖ Local decision support
- ❖ Connect to WEST members



AGUA Features

- ❖ Included in WEST membership
- ❖ Regular data refreshes (member data and external sources)
 - Metadata validation
- ❖ Annual collection comparison reports + on-demand comparison and analytics tools
- ❖ Member contact information

AGUA Functions

For WEST Analysis & Archiving

- ❖ File uploader
- ❖ Location review & selection
- ❖ Proposal review & selection
- ❖ Current and historical archiving reports
- ❖ JRNL files
- ❖ Member contacts

For Local Collection Management

- ❖ All Archived Titles report
- ❖ All Archived Titles MARC file
- ❖ Annual collection comparison reports
- ❖ On Demand Comparison tool
- ❖ On Demand Analytics tool

<https://agua.cdlib.org/west>

AGUA Development

- ❖ Regular development periods
- ❖ New & enhanced member features
- ❖ Backend processing improvements

On Demand Collection Comparison and Analytics Report Demo



Questions?





New and Upcoming

What's coming up

Winter/Spring '26

- Group collections analysis
- HT, CDL, WEST Pilot Kick-off
- Cycle 15 disclosures
- Member feedback for AGUA Dev Phase 8

Summer 2026

- Archiving proposals
- WEST Member Meeting

Fall 2026

- Cycle 15 Comparison Reports
- New Customized Infographics
- Executive Committee Elections

Winter '26/'27

- HT, CDL, WEST Pilot Wrap-up
- AGUA Dev Phase 8 Kick-off

In case you missed it!

❖ TOMORROW Print Archive Network (PAN) virtual forum

➤ Friday, January 23, 9am-11am PT

➤ Registration link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I97VHweBSlOBjC2LRq6_PA#/registration

➤ Agenda link:

<https://www.crl.edu/print-archive-network-pan-forum-midwinter-january-30-2026-0>

➤ Of particular interest to WEST:

- Joel Smalley (ASU), Shari Laster (WEST Exec), Nika Burns Teshin (WEST) on the Arizona State University-WEST gap-filling pilot!
- Michael Brewer (WEST Exec) and Niamh Wallace (WEST OCC) on University of Arizona's shared print strategy including their work on the WEST-Internet Archive pilot!
- Miranda Bennett (WEST Exec) on the Shared Print Partnership!

Information and Communication



❖ Documents & Presentations:

<https://cdlib.org/west/about-west/documents-presentations/>

❖ Resources for Archivists:

<https://cdlib.org/west/west-archives/resources-for-archivers/>

❖ WEST feedback form: <https://cdlib.org/west/contact-west/>

❖ WEST Blog: <https://cdlib.org/cdinfo/category/collections/west/>

❖ WEST listservs: <https://cdlib.org/west/mailling-lists/>



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