



WEST Program Refresher

January 22, 2026

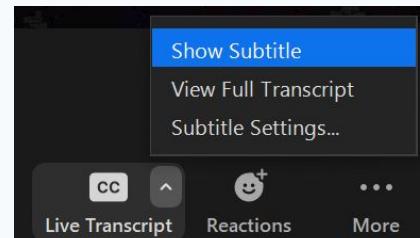
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Agenda

- ❖ 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.

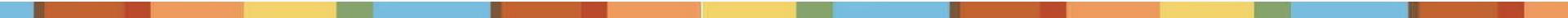
A Brief History - The future is now

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

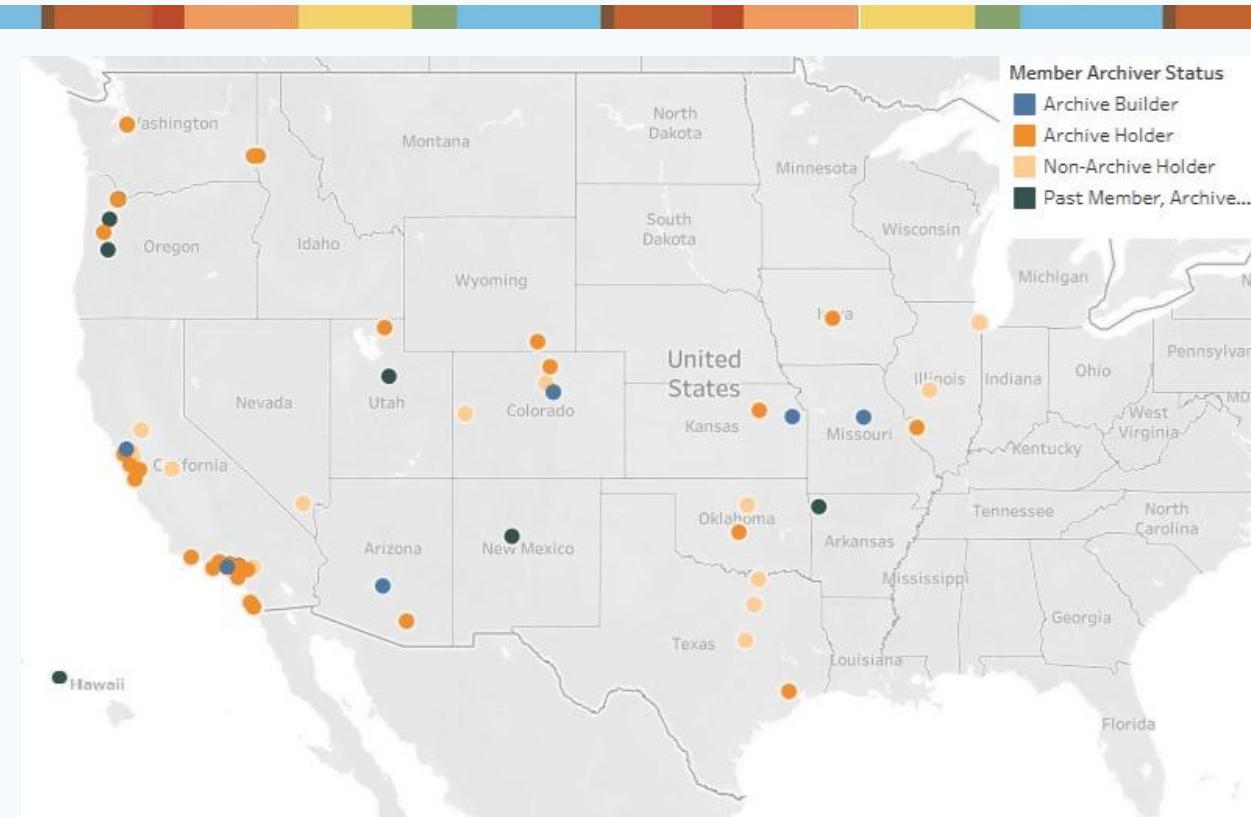
Inclusion and Diversity

Equity

Collaboration

Sustainability and Resilience

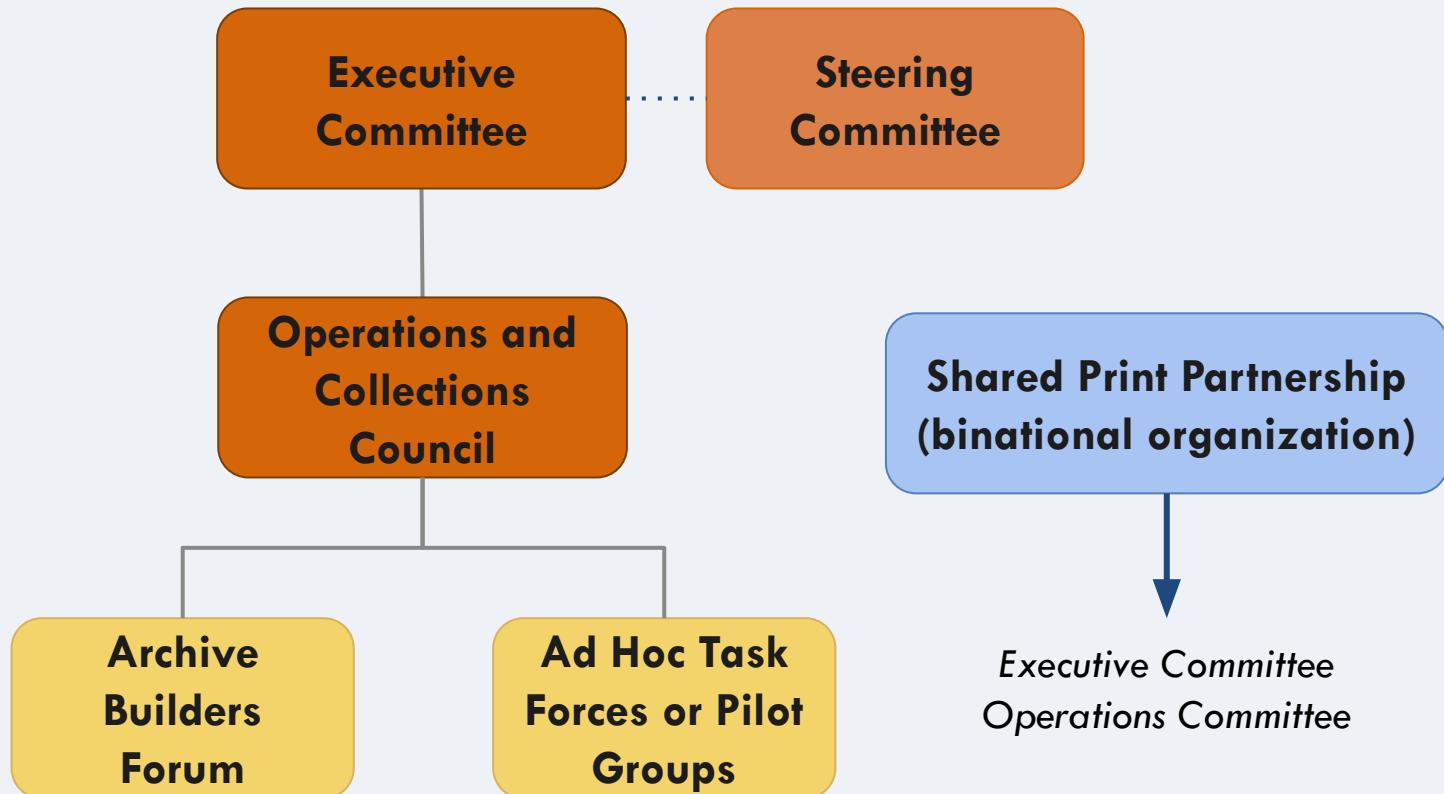
Member Libraries



61 members
across 18 states

WEST Governance

**Admin Host -
California
Digital Library
(Program Staff)**



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

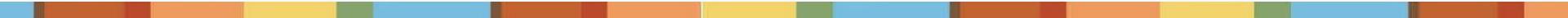
Analysis Overview

- ❖ 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

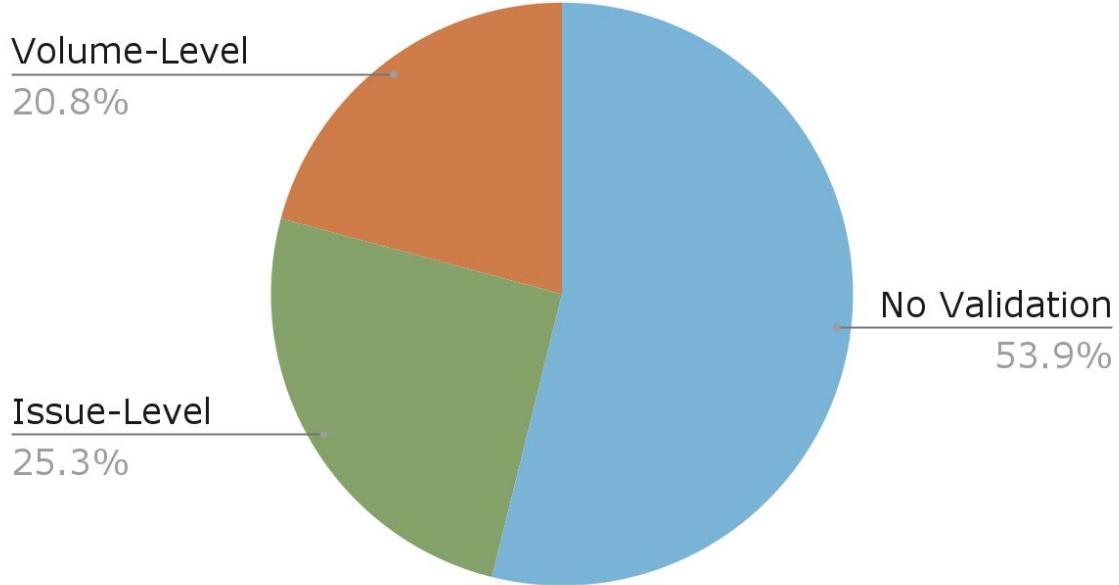
Archiving Progress Cycles 1-14



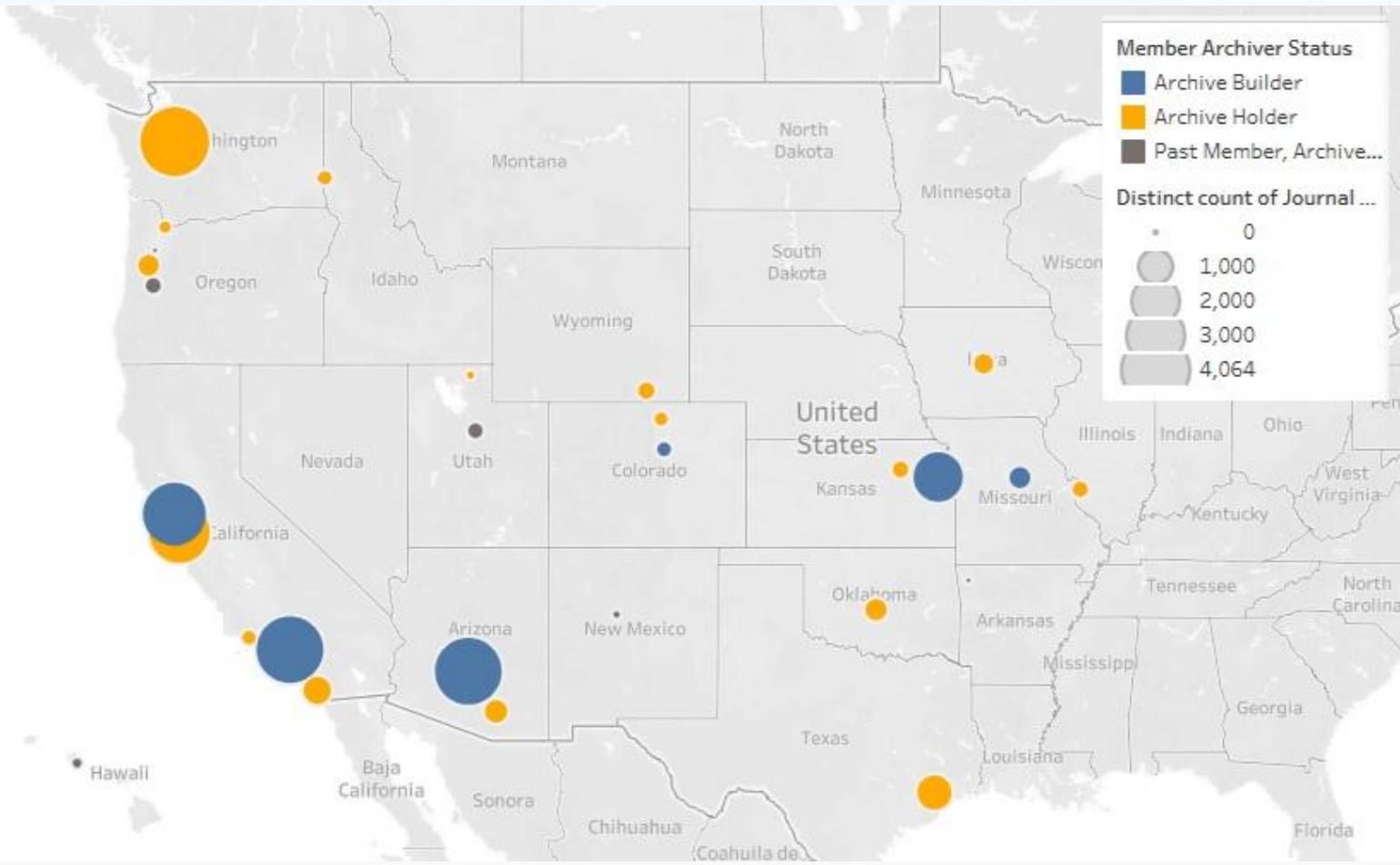
WEST Unique Archived Holdings	
No Validation	21,367
Volume Level	8,259
Issue Level	10,043
Grand Total	36,669

Over 834,000 volumes!

Titles Archived by Validation Level



WEST Archives (Cycle 14)



Questions?



AGUA

AGUA Overview

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



Western Regional Storage Trust | AGUA

About

User ▾

Welcome to AGUA

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	Summer 2026	Fall 2026	Winter '26/'27
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Group collections analysis○ HT, CDL, WEST Pilot Kick-off○ Cycle 15 disclosures○ Member feedback for AGUA Dev Phase 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Archiving proposals○ WEST Member Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cycle 15 Comparison Reports○ New Customized Infographics○ Executive Committee Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 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_I97VHweBSIObjC2LRq6_PA#/r egistration
 - Agenda link:
<https://www.crl.edu/print-archive-network-pan-forum-midwinter-january-30-202 6-0>
 - Of particular interest to WEST:
 - Joel Smalley (ASU), Shari Lesser (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 Archivers:

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

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

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

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



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Thank you!

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