



Western Regional Storage Trust

Introduction to WEST

Shared Responsibility and Investment
in Journal Print Preservation and Access

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Presentation to CARLI Members

WEST Presentation Roadmap

- ❖ What is WEST
 - WEST by the Numbers
 - What the Trust provides
 - What's happening in 2025-2026
 - Membership and Cost-share
- ❖ CARLI Member Questions

What is Shared Print?



- ❖ A formal agreement
- ❖ Assurance of continued access
- ❖ Augments local capacity

What is WEST?



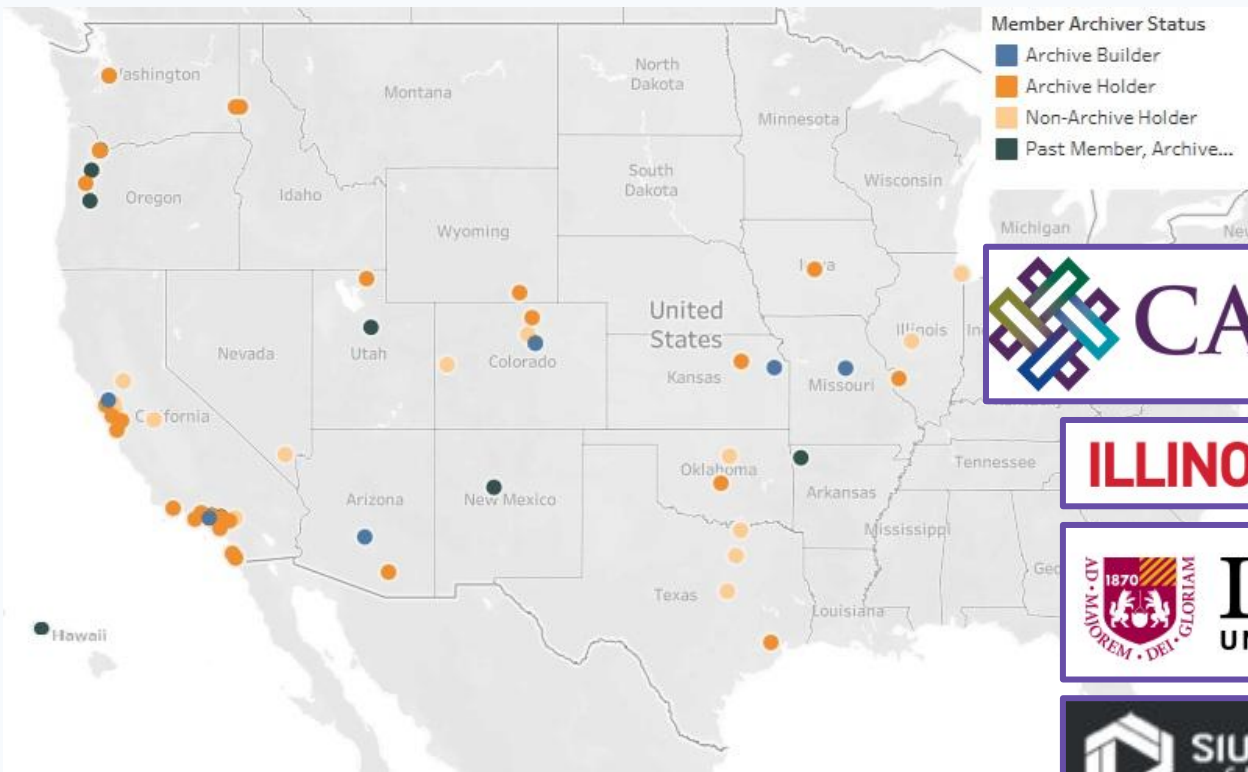
A trusted, regional network for print serials and journals that serves libraries large and small by

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

What is WEST - Collection & Risk Model

| Risk Level | Definition | Risk Mitigation | Who |
|------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Low | Available electronically in Portico, CLOCKSS, HTDL, or JSTOR | Retention commitment disclosure only | Archive Holders Archive Builders |
| Medium | Some full text availability in commercial databases | Retention commitment disclosure Physical validation Transfer to storage | Archive Builders |
| High | Electronic abstracting and indexing only No electronic presence | Retention commitment disclosure Physical validation Transfer to storage | Archive Builders |
| | <i>Higher risk materials not held by any of the Archive Builders</i> | <i>Retention commitment disclosure only (validation & storage encouraged)</i> | <i>Archive Holders</i> |

WEST by the Numbers - Member Libraries



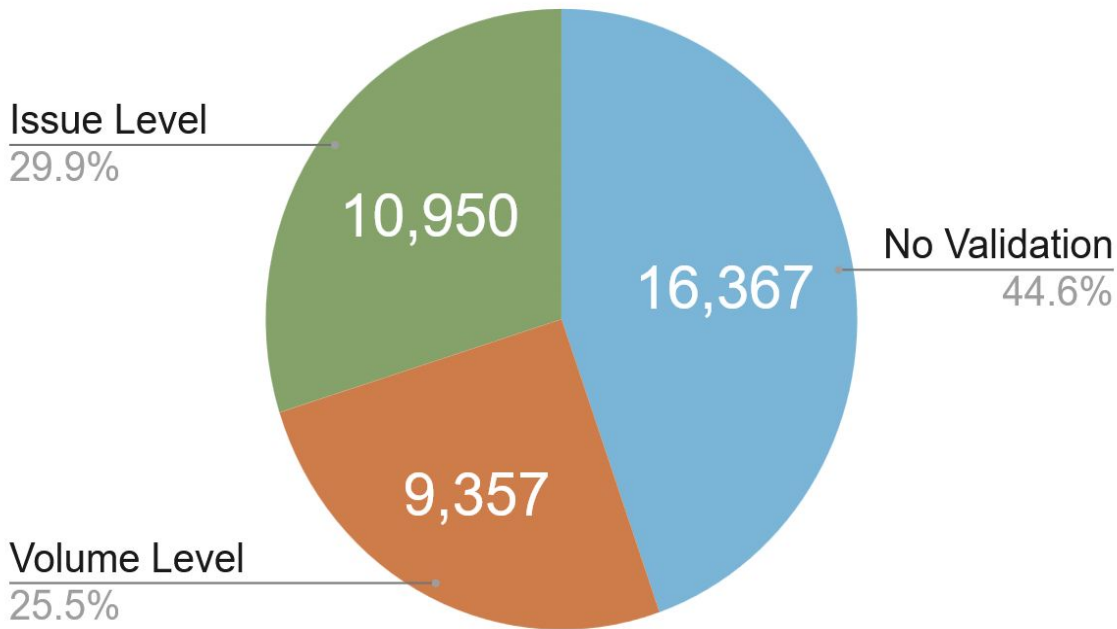
❖ 61 members
across 18 states



Welcomed in
July 2024!

WEST by the Numbers - The Collection

Number of Archived Titles by Validation Level



- ❖ 36,000+ unique titles
- ❖ 830,000+ volumes

WEST Archived Unique Titles

| | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| No Validation | 16,367 |
| Volume Level | 9,357 |
| Issue Level | 10,950 |
| Grand Total | 36,944 |

WEST by the Numbers - In Action!



**WEST members report
deselecting over 367,000
volumes from titles
archived by WEST**

**That's about 10 miles
worth of reclaimed
linear space**

WEST by the Numbers - In Action!



University of Washington and
Arizona State University
collaborated to complete
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What the trust network provides members

Collections Analysis for Serials & Journals



- ❖ Bib and holdings data ingest, enhancement, and group analysis
- ❖ Established workflows and standards

What do libraries need to do to participate in collections analysis and archiving?

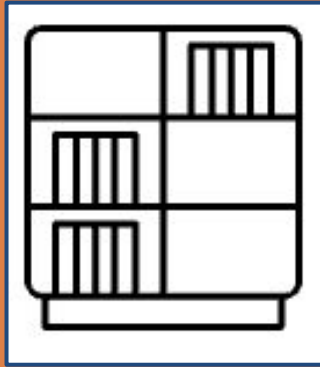
- ❖ Group collections analysis
 - Submit MARC bibliographic and holdings data for your print serials
- ❖ Archiving (also known as retention)
 - Complete holdings record updates & submit data for national registries
 - Members can choose to archive a lot, a little, or nothing at all

Discovery & Access



- ❖ **Discovery is essential**
 - Disclosure of archived holdings in local systems, OCLC, and shared print registries
 - Opportunities for local discovery
- ❖ **Support for resource sharing**
 - OCLC Profiled Group
 - RapidILL pod

Data-Informed Decision-Making



- ❖ Easy to use tools and reports
- ❖ Retention & deselection
- ❖ Collection comparison at any time
- ❖ Metadata validation

What's coming up

❖ Summer 2025

- Gap-filling Pilot findings to help WEST refine its strategies to complete the archives efficiently
- Internet Archive Pilot findings to create ongoing workflows for digitization streams to complement the print archives

❖ Fall 2025

- Libraries submit data for group collections analysis

❖ Summer 2026

- Archiving proposals and comparison reports to libraries

Membership and Cost Share

WEST is supported by

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

Consortial membership

- ❖ Opt-in
- ❖ Single agreement
- ❖ Consolidated invoicing
- ❖ Consortial vote

Membership years begins July 1

- ❖ Opportunity to join mid-year

How member fees are calculated and assessed

- ❖ Fixed fees are tiered
- ❖ As of FY24-25 - Average of 2019, 2020, and 2021 total library expenditures data
- ❖ Annual 3% increase to account for inflation

Membership Fee Table

| | If Avg Total Library Expenditures are more than* | FY24-25 (for reference) | FY25-26 |
|---------|--|-------------------------|-----------|
| Tier 1 | \$ 1 | \$675 | \$ 695 |
| Tier 2 | \$ 500,000 | \$1,380 | \$ 1,421 |
| Tier 3 | \$ 1,000,000 | \$2,734 | \$ 2,816 |
| Tier 4 | \$ 2,500,000 | \$4,283 | \$ 4,411 |
| Tier 5 | \$ 5,000,000 | \$6,641 | \$ 6,840 |
| Tier 6 | \$ 10,000,000 | \$9,864 | \$ 10,160 |
| Tier 7 | \$ 15,000,000 | \$14,883 | \$ 15,330 |
| Tier 8 | \$ 20,000,000 | \$19,591 | \$ 20,179 |
| Tier 9 | \$ 25,000,000 | \$22,780 | \$ 23,463 |
| Tier 10 | \$ 30,000,000 | \$25,058 | \$ 25,810 |
| Tier 11 | \$ 60,000,000 | \$27,564 | \$ 28,391 |

We invite you to join us

- WEST is a trusted network for serials and journals that services both large and small libraries by
 - ensuring preservation;
 - enabling access;
 - empowering data-informed deselection;

...and more!



Questions?

Thank you!

Please stay in touch with your questions and feedback.

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What is WEST? Risk Model & Storage Environments

Bonus slides!



What is WEST - Storage Environments



Stanford University



High-density
storage

Medium & High Risk
Content

Archive Builders



Any WEST member

Open stacks

Low Risk Content
Archive Holders

What is WEST - Storage Environments

High-density storage

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How it works

- Builders commit to WEST-prioritized journal families already in their collections
- Other WEST members fill the gaps in those runs