



**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.*