



Resource Sharing & WEST

Resource sharing librarians help operationalize the WEST collaboration by connecting users to resources. Archivers make their retained collections discoverable and requestable through interlibrary loan, and any member may request them as needed. Resource sharing librarians apply the ILL Code for the United States, the [WEST Access Policy](#), and local resource sharing practices to guide requesting and lending the collective collection.

WEST collections

- The WEST collective collections cover a broad range of subjects and disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Together, over 40 WEST Archivers have retained more than 830,000 volumes across 33,000 titles.
- WEST's collection model takes a multifaceted approach to protecting the scholarly record to ensure its long-term availability for students and scholars. WEST targets journals that are broadly available in reliable digital repositories and secures a print backup copy. WEST also intentionally targets high-risk titles with little to no electronic availability for more rigorous archiving activities. When members agree to retain materials for WEST, they also agree to make those materials available to other members. Materials are typically shared via document delivery, but full volumes will be loaned if requested.

Documentation for resource sharing

- The [WEST Access Policy](#) outlines Archivers' responsibilities making materials available to other members. Archivers apply local resource sharing rules when lending WEST retained materials to WEST members.
- Borrowing and Lending instructions (Appendix 2 in the Access Policy) support local system configuration for both sides of the resource sharing relationship. WEST maintains an OCLC Profiled Group as well as a RapidILL pod to facilitate resource sharing among members.
- OCLC's shared print registration service [supports enhanced discovery of shared print in select OCLC products](#), including FirstSearch.

Continued advocacy for shared print in resource sharing

- WEST was a founding member and active participant in the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance, a national federation of shared print journal programs. The Rosemont Alliance has since merged with the Partnership for Shared Book Collections and is now known as the [Shared Print Partnership](#). We continue to work collaboratively to operationalize our partnership to provide broad access for our members.
- WEST continues to work with OCLC on building out infrastructure to support operationalizing shared print, including leveraging the shared print registration service to expand the visibility of shared print materials in OCLC resource sharing and discovery products and supporting better statistics reporting for collective collections.

Get involved

Resource sharing managers are encouraged to volunteer to serve as consultants to WEST and on working groups. Resource sharing managers are also encouraged to attend WEST member meetings, which occur biannually in the summer and midwinter, and may address questions or feedback at any time to WEST's Shared Print Analyst, Nika Burns Teshin at nika.worth@ucop.edu.