

# Cooperative Print Retention Working Group

Charge and Membership | Approved by Advisory Council 2020-01-31

## Charge

The ecosystem for shared print retention has changed and expanded in recent years. TRLN's long-standing serials retention program is now substantially subsumed under ASERL/WRLC's Scholars Trust program, and TRLN institutions participate in a variety of external monograph retention programs, including a UNC system program and HathiTrust. The Cooperative Print Retention Working Group will coordinate, oversee, and provide guidance when TRLN institutions, as a group or individually, undertake the formal retention of print materials in all formats. TRLN institutions intend to undertake these commitments entirely through our participation in retention programs that are external to our consortium.

With the establishment of this Cooperative Print Retention Working group, both of the existing Shared Print Working Groups (serials and monographs) are disbanded. TRLN's focus will shift from managing its own shared print programs to coordinating with and leveraging those of larger at-scale programs. The Cooperative Print Retention Working Group will be in a position to assess and optimize TRLN's participation in shared print retention programs to encourage appropriate levels of duplication. The group will also be responsible for raising awareness of cooperative print retention within TRLN, documenting TRLN's work in this area, and encouraging members to participate in cooperative print retention and related activities at scale.

## Responsibilities/Deliverables/Timeline

1. As an initial responsibility, draft and enact a new MOU to replace the 2008 Single Copy MOU and the 2018 Shared Print Monographs MOU. The new MOU will outline desired levels of duplication across TRLN and will clarify our expectations and intention to participate in external shared print programs in a way that limits duplication across TRLN institutions.
2. Consider and report to the Advisory Council for the second quarterly meeting who would do the following, as needed:
  - a. Monitor, review, and propose revisions to the enacted MOU as needed.
  - b. Produce an annual report outlining participation of TRLN institutions in shared retention programs including, but not limited to monographs, serials, and government documents.
  - c. Encourage participation and provide consultation on current and proposed retention programs with aim of rightsizing duplication of commitments.
  - d. Represent TRLN in shared retention conversations and initiatives undertaken by our external engagements such as the [Rosemont Shared Print Alliance](#), [Hathi Trust](#), and [ASERL-CRL Collection Analysis](#).

## Membership Overview

Up to two representatives from each participating TRLN institution. Membership to include technical services and collections staff. New members can be added as needed.