



PARTNERSHIP FOR SHARED BOOK COLLECTIONS

To: Shared print programs and groups

From: The Steering Committee of the Partnership for Shared Book Collections

The Partnership for Shared Book Collections (the Partnership) is a federation of shared print programs with a vision to ensure the long-term preservation, access to, and integrity of monographic print resources in North America. The Partnership is seeking founding members to coordinate collaboration among shared print programs to support cost-effective retention and access to monograph collections. By working together, shared print programs can:

- Reduce the cost of retaining the scholarly record through shared distribution of commitments;
- De-duplicate efforts;
- Develop and promote evidence-based best practices;
- Increase the effectiveness of communication with end-users and funders, as well as
- Tackle large scale projects and research issues that are out of reach for individual shared print programs.

The Partnership seeks to provide informed and progressive leadership in the developing field of shared print. The Partnership will work with other major shared print initiatives, such as the [Rosemont Shared Print Alliance](#) in areas of shared interest.

Join the Partnership

The Steering Committee is asking shared print programs for a pledge of sustained membership for three years to provide stability for the Partnership. Member Programs will have a voice in setting the budget, assessing program effectiveness, and proposing strategic directions for the organization. The Steering Committee is anticipating that twenty-five current shared print programs are potential members with additional members possible from emerging programs.

Cost-Share, Governance, & Staffing

To support the effectiveness of the collaboration, and support the initiatives described below, a half-time coordinator is budgeted with minimal infrastructure costs. To that end, annual Membership fees are set at \$3,000 (per year) for the initial three years covering an [estimated annual budget](#) of \$64,000. The Program Member fee is for each shared print program (not individual Participating Libraries). The Member Programs will determine themselves how to fund the \$3,000 total cost from within their own budgets or from their Participating Libraries. The primary governance of the Partnership will be the responsibility of an Executive Committee elected by the Partnership Member Programs (see [Governance Document](#) for more information).

The goal of the cost-share formula for the Partnership is to create a straightforward, sustainable funding model that will encourage broad membership to support well-established and emerging shared print

monograph programs. The cost-share is a flat fee for simplicity's sake and recognizing that all programs will derive benefits from the Partnership.

Partnership Member Program Responsibilities:

- Provide some level of in-kind support on committees and working groups or other projects;
- Provide components of the Partnership infrastructure (see Budget for more detail);
- Lend to participating libraries of other Member Programs using their own policies and procedures.

See [Membership Agreement](#) for complete Member Program Responsibilities.

Among the Partnership's planned service initiatives are:

- Developing and advocating for a set of best practices and guidelines, including: shared print efficiencies and communications templates to provide consistent messaging;
- Investigating the enhanced discovery of shared print commitments;
- Supporting the development of new shared print monograph programs;
- Creating a Shared Print Program Directory to support adding new institutions to shared print programs.

Information and Joining the Partnership for Shared Book Collections:

The [Membership Agreement](#) is attached. The [Governance Document](#) and other information about the Partnership are available for reference on the website <https://sharedprint.org/>.

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