

SLFB Shared Principles and Agreements

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This document is the deliverable for SLFB FY23-24 Priority 2.ii: [Co-develop shared principles and agreements for considering service implications and pathways for when SRLF reaches its storage capacity in 2-3 years.](#)

The following shared principles and agreements should be consulted and reviewed when considering RLF service implications and pathways for service and operational changes as the UC Libraries work to develop a unified service environment using the shared technical infrastructure for when SRLF reaches its storage capacity in 2-3 years.

Principles

1. Provide perpetual, timely access to a core print archive essential for a distributed strategy to ensure long-term preservation of and access to the world's cultural patrimony;
2. Build on the value of one UC Library Collection as an integrated, shareable, user-centric collection, with a seamless user experience for access, that supports and enhances the mission of the University of California;
3. Coordinate further with broader regional, national, and international shared collections;
4. Transform and improve library work practices and policies, harmonizing to best take advantage of current and future operational and service opportunities afforded through the RLFs;
5. Innovate and explore new ways of working, being mindful of benefits and costs;
6. Advance UC's values of diversity, equity, inclusion, justice and belonging through RLF-related operations and work practices;
7. Empower data-driven and consultative decision-making, where decisions are sent as far up the chain as is warranted but no further;
8. Commit to shared governance, transparency and open communication;
9. Align RLF-related work with near- and long-term UC Libraries systemwide priorities;
10. Embrace intentional, collaborative, inclusive, and responsive approaches to shaping the future(s) of our university's vast and valuable physical collections, while balancing the present and future research needs of UC.

Operational Agreements

1. The UC Libraries are moving toward a systemwide strategic allocation; in the near-term we will strive to maintain an equitable status quo approach until the larger conversations around strategic allocation of space in the RLFs can be held and an implementation strategy developed.
2. Staffing levels will be analyzed between the RLFs to balance staffing capacity if an RLF is no longer able to accept a particular format, size, or materials.
3. UC will honor its commitments to its shared print partners and if any adjustments need to be made will follow policies and practices outlined in shared print agreements governing those commitments.
4. Provide cost-effective, climate-controlled storage space for non-circulating rare/archival materials, increasing campus capacity to grow and provide access to their respective special collections.

Sources and reports consulted:

- [The Regional Library Facilities \(RLFs\): Essential to core UC shared services & emerging Innovations \(2023\)](#)
- [The UC Shared Print Collections and Role of the RLFs](#)
- [Systemwide Print Retention Schema \(2022\)](#)
- [UC Libraries SILS Mission & Guiding Principles \(2021\)](#)