



Leonora Crema Winner of 2014 COPPUL Outstanding Contribution Award



BURNABY March 18, 2014—The Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL) recognized Leonora Crema of the University of British Columbia Library, with its 2014 Outstanding Contribution Award.

The COPPUL award, which may be given annually to an individual or team working in a member library, recognizes exemplary contributions to the consortium. These contributions should enhance service in multiple COPPUL libraries, and have an impact throughout the region.

Crema was awarded for her leadership of COPPUL’s Shared Print Archive Network (SPAN). SPAN is a distributed retrospective print repository program. Twenty one participating libraries in western Canada cooperate to provide access to shared print archives, create opportunities for the reallocation of library space, and preserve the print record for its members in a cost-effective way.

Crema’s involvement with SPAN predates formal implementation of the network in 2012. She was active in the planning and research behind inception of the network. Since 2012 he has chaired the Management Committee that guides planning, strategy, policy, and operational matters for the group.

COPPUL Chair Jonathan Bengtson stated, “It has been through Leonora’s leadership that this initiative has moved from initial planning to reality, ensuring linkages with other preservation initiatives in Canada and the United States along the way. Leonora’s work has also balanced the need for a practical approach to cooperative preservation that meets the needs of members, while following best practices.”

Crema stated, “COPPUL SPAN and programs like it emerging across North America will transform how libraries share and steward print collections. I’m honored by this award and thankful to colleagues in member libraries who are working to make shared print a reality.”

COPPUL is a consortium of 23 university libraries in Canada’s four western provinces. Additional information about the SPAN project is available at <http://www.coppul.ca/projects/SPAN.html>

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