



SHARED PRINT ARCHIVE NETWORK MEMBER AGREEMENT APRIL 2012

The Council of Prairie and Pacific Libraries' Shared Print Archive Network (SPAN) is a distributed retrospective print repository program. Participating libraries consolidate and validate print journal backfiles and monographs at major library storage facilities and selected campus locations. The Network and archiving program may be expanded to include prospective (i.e. current) collections in the future. Initial phases of the Network will proactively focus on journal backfiles, with a much less managed, optional process for retention and preservation of scarcely held monographs in member library collections.

Terms and Conditions

1. Participation and Governance

1.1. Participation: COPPUL member libraries (not including affiliate members) will be eligible to join the SPAN in its initial phase. In future phases of expansion, affiliate members of COPPUL, other academic libraries, research libraries, and library consortia serving the Western region of Canada may also be eligible to participate.

1.2. Term of commitment: In order to promote stability of the Network, participants agree to join for an initial five (5) year term. The initial term will be April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2017. The agreement renews automatically for another five year term.

1.3. Archive Holders: Participants that commit to retain materials under the SPAN program are known as Archive Holders. Once a participating library's holdings have been analyzed through the SPAN program, the library is eligible to serve as an Archive Holder beginning in the following year.

1.4. Archive Builders: Participants that agree to proactively build archives by calling for, receiving, validating and ingesting holdings according to standards developed by SPAN are known as Archive Builders. Once an archive is built, the Archive Builder becomes an Archive Holder for the title.

1.5. Archive Supporters: Participants that support the stewardship of the scholarly record in the region but do not retain physical archives locally under the SPAN program are known as Archive Supporters.

1.6. Management Committee: The SPAN is a program of COPPUL. It is run by a Management Committee that oversees operation and development of the Network, works to integrate the Network with related archiving programs nationally and internationally, recommends solutions related to holdings disclosure and access/delivery, and develops and monitors a process to select titles for inclusion in the COPPUL SPAN archive. The Management Committee is composed of representatives

from four (4) libraries participating in the Network, including representation from various sizes of libraries, more than one province, various areas of expertise (e.g. Library Director, Technical Services, Collections Management, etc.), and of Archive Holders, Builders, and Supporters. The COPPUL Executive Director will provide support to the Management Committee. At least one COPPUL Director will serve on the Committee in order to liaise with the COPPUL Directors. Management Committee members are appointed by the COPPUL Board of Directors and serve for staggered two year terms.

1.7. **Administrative Host:** Administrative Hosting, such as program management, member support, and fiscal agency, will be provided by COPPUL, through the COPPUL office. The COPPUL SPAN will function as a program of COPPUL, subject to approval by the COPPUL Board of Directors.

2. Archiving

2.1. **Selection process:** Decisions about which titles will be incorporated into the COPPUL SPAN and where they will be preserved are made via a periodic Collection Model administered by the SPAN Management Committee with support from the COPPUL office. Title sets will be routinely identified and prioritized by ongoing collection analysis. Titles may also be nominated for archiving by SPAN libraries. Journals will be categorized as Low- , Moderate- , or Higher-Risk based on their availability electronically, rarity, and relevance to the region (Western Canada).

2.2. **Retention period:** Archive Holders agree to maintain SPAN archives for retention periods specific to the archive type: Low-Risk, until December 31, 2022, Moderate-Risk, until December 31, 2036, and Higher-Risk, until December 31, 2036. These dates are known as the SPAN Retention Date and represent a period of 10 or 25 years from the beginning of the SPAN program. The Management Committee will review and may modify the SPAN Retention Date every five years if agreed upon by unanimous vote within the Committee. Retention commitments survive membership in SPAN.

2.3. **Ownership:** Participants will retain ownership of the materials for which they are the Archive Holder. Materials which are relocated to an Archive Holder will become property of the Archive Holder (preferably through a gift process). Archive Holders agree not to sell, discard, donate, or otherwise relinquish ownership or control of any of the archived materials prior to the Retention Date, except to transfer materials to another COPPUL SPAN Archive Holder or with permission of the Management Committee.

2.4. **Withdrawn materials:** Libraries that withdraw their own material (books or journals) to contribute to SPAN may wish to track those items as "withdrawn in lieu of storage" for their own reporting purposes. It is possible that these copies "withdrawn in lieu" may still be counted by some organizations (ARL, CARL, etc.) as part of their extended collection – even though they will be owned by the Archive Holder, they will be subject to shared management as a result of the SPAN agreement.

2.5. **Contributing holdings:** Participants agree to use their best efforts to contribute holdings in a timely manner via physical transfer of materials from local collections to complete the archived backfile held by any Archive Holder.

2.6. **Archiving Facilities:** Archive Holders agree to maintain SPAN materials in archival locations suitable for the archive type, as established by the Management Committee. Archiving facilities are defined to include 1) campus library shelving (for lower-risk items); 2) library locations with controlled access and appropriate environmental conditions; and 3) separate high-density library storage facilities (for rare and higher-risk items).

2.7. **Original Form.** Archive Holders agree to maintain all of the archived materials in their original, artifactual form whenever possible.

2.8. **Review of Materials (Validation):** Archive Builders agree to examine all newly-archived materials according to the requirements for the level of validation specified by the Management Committee for the archive type.

2.9. **Holdings disclosure:** Archive Holders agree to take all steps reasonably necessary to cause all of the archived materials, and information about their accessibility to potential users, to be registered in union catalogs and other applicable system(s) as established by SPAN disclosure policy.

2.10. **Access to the Materials:** Archive Holders agree to make the materials available to SPAN libraries and other institutions to which the Archive Holder lends materials in accordance with the applicable Interlibrary Loan policies and procedures of the Archive Holder as follows

2.10.1. **Reproductions:** Archive Holders agree to fulfill requests for photocopies/electronic delivery of any of the archived materials.

2.10.2. **Building Use Only:** Original materials may only be provided for onsite use at the Archive Holder library or at the requesting library.

3. Financial Obligations

3.1 **Financial Support to the COPPUL SPAN Program:** SPAN members agree to provide financial support to SPAN through payments to the Administrative Host as specified in an annual budget and cost-sharing formula developed by the SPAN Management Committee and approved by the COPPUL Directors.

3.2. **Financial Support to Archive Builders:** Archive Builders receive funding from the SPAN program to help support their services as Archive Builders if approved and budgeted by SPAN.

3.3. **Absorbed Costs:** SPAN libraries agree to be responsible for all of the costs and expenses associated with maintaining the materials, contributing holdings to other Archive Holders (including transportation costs), and deselecting materials from local collections.

4. Withdrawal

4.1. **Withdrawal of a COPPUL SPAN Member:** At any time after completion of its first five years of participation, a SPAN member may withdraw by providing written notice to the Management Committee at least twelve (12) months prior to its intended withdrawal date. The SPAN member must continue to pay any required participation fees during the 12-month notice period.

4.2. **Archive Holder Withdrawal:** If an Archive Holder withdraws from the COPPUL SPAN or can no longer maintain the materials, the Archive Holder agrees to offer the materials to another Archive Holder and to transfer any accepted materials to the Archive Holder at the initial Archive Holder's expense. The Management Committee may waive this requirement if it determines that the materials no longer need to be archived.