

COPPUL Shared Print Archive Network Report to Directors from SPAN Management Committee March 2016

The summary report outlines the archiving activities of SPAN since the fall meeting. There has been considerable activity behind the scenes at SPAN in recent months, in each of the following project areas:

Monograph Project:

- In the end, the Monograph Project went ahead with ten member libraries: Simon Fraser University, Thompson Rivers University, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge, University of Manitoba, University of Regina, University of Saskatchewan, University of Victoria, University of Winnipeg, and Vancouver Island University.
- Currently, the libraries are in the final stages of extracting their data before SCS begins the collection analysis. This process should be complete in advance of the directors meeting. Results are due back in April/May.
- A steering committee has been formed, consisting of one member from each participating library, with Jean Blackburn of VIU acting as chair. The committee has discussed who to select as external comparators against the group data, any local interest flags, as well as answered questions for similar ILLs in answering SCS' questionnaire.

High Risk Titles:

- The Call for Missing Volumes was issued in the fall, and response times varied considerably among members, however, the overall response rate including those who were willing but unable to donate volumes formed the majority.
- The responses were compiled and issued to the Archive Builders (Alberta, UBC, Calgary and Manitoba) who are now tasked with contacting the gifting libraries to fill the gaps in their journal runs and updating their catalogues.
- We aim to close out this project and all of Phase 3 later this month.

Federal Grant Proposal:

- Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has launched a granting opportunity via the Documentary Heritage Community Program (DHCP) which is designed "to support the development of Canada's local archival and library communities by increasing their capacity to preserve, provide access to and promote local documentary heritage". SPAN has applied for funding that would target the print archiving of approximately 1000 unique Canadian serials by the end of March 2017. The grant is requesting funding for a part time collection analyst, some computer programmer's time, and a promotional budget. The results are due in May 2016.

Phase Four:

- The grant application process has pushed back the launch of Phase Four, but the plan is to proceed with 2 projects as planned:
- Government Documents: All of *Statistics Canada* print publications are targeted for archiving in Phase Four. Initial planning and information gathering has begun, and the title lists will be sent out in early April. We intend to once again use a self-nominating process for assigning Archive Holders, as these materials were widely dispersed, and it includes all SPAN members, including those who would otherwise only be Archive Supporters.
- Print Journals by Publisher Collection: There is also support for returning to print journal archiving by publisher collection, however, since this project could be affected by the outcome of the DHCP grant, we will wait until summer to proceed. A survey among the SPAN libraries would identify the most popular publishers (including or excluding those on the DHCP grant list as appropriate) and from this form the basis of the next archiving effort.

Connections beyond SPAN

- SPAN was invited to present at the Print Archive Network (PAN) meetings at ALA Mid-Winter in Boston. It is rare for this group to have presenters outside of the US, and we were able to reach the entire print archiving community of North America to speak about our processes and efforts to date.
- SPAN has also been asked to participate in the PAPER Advisory Board. PAPER is bringing together representatives from many of the regional print archiving projects to gather ideas about how to improve upon PAPER's services and metadata in serving the North American print archiving community.
- Lastly SPAN will be presenting at BCLA in May, providing an update on the project's achievements to date and comparing it to other Canadian archival efforts.

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Please note, there will be significant changes coming to the Management Committee this year, as 3 positions will become vacant this summer, including the chair. A call for participants will be issued this spring, but please forward any keen interest to Alison Griffin.