



## Shared Print Archive Network (SPAN)

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### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SPAN?

To ensure that the print collections of COPPUL member libraries remain accessible and preserved in a cost-effective way.

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### HOW MANY LIBRARIES PARTICIPATE IN SPAN?

22 of COPPUL's full members have agreed to work together to retain and manage the shared print archive.  
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### WHAT WORK HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

SPAN's archiving projects are divided into phases, with each phase focusing on a particular type of material. In each phase, the library chooses which titles it will commit to retain. Each commitment duration applies to all the materials in that phase and typically runs from 10-30 years.

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### WHAT ARE THE PHASES?

1. Widely Held Print Journals
2. Medium- and High-Risk Journals
3. High-Risk Journals
4. Statistics Canada Publications
5. At-Risk Western Canadian Serials
6. Western Canadian Topographical Maps

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### HOW MUCH WORK DOES SPAN REQUIRE FROM PARTICIPANTS?

Each participating library decides who will do the work, but a typical breakdown would be:

- A Collections Librarian to coordinate library involvement in SPAN
- Technical Services staff to do the catalogue-related work.
- Access Services or Public Services staff to do physical item verification.

The amount of work would depend on how many titles are being retained, what kind of material is being retained, the level of verification required, and the capabilities of your ILS.

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### WHAT DOES MY LIBRARY GAIN FROM SPAN?

Interlibrary loan access to a broad range of print materials (including many rare and unique titles) right in Western Canada, regardless of institution size.