Who are we?

Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL)

Academic regional consortium covering the 4 western provinces
23 full member university libraries
+17 affiliate members that participate only in licensing.
Shared Print Archive Network (SPAN):

The Council of Prairie and Pacific Libraries' Shared Print Archive Network (SPAN) is a distributed retrospective print repository program. SPAN's main goals are 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.
Talk about technology and processes?

Grassroots
Organic
Basic
Evolving
Human Driven
Excel-focused
“Whatever WEST is doing”
In the beginning

- In its first 2 phases, SPAN focused on low-use print journals, with a prevailing mandate of shelf-clearing.
- As such, journal selection was made on the basis of how widely held it was among our members.

Process used to gather catalogue data:

- A Z39.50 search (or sent files from larger sites) used ISSN as the unique ID and compiled an excel spreadsheet that collected the text holdings of each institution.
- Beyond this, actual archiving assignments were done by hand
- Approximately 3000 journals were archived during the first 2 phases, with low and medium risk assessments.
Phase 3 expanded SPAN’s focus into new territory – including new material types, risk levels and processes:

**The Monograph Project** launched in fall 2015 with 10 member libraries. OCLC’s SCS has been contracted to analyze the collective 8.5M records.

**High Risk Journals:**
- Other journals from Phase 2 emerged as high risk.
- 4 Archive Builder libraries with storage facilities identified their gap analysis for roughly 100 titles
- Currently in the process of issuing a call for missing volumes among SPAN members.

**Carried Over Journals:**
- In Phase 2, Archive Holders identified continuing & preceding journals to the titles they were assigned.
- SPAN assessed the risk level of the returned titles, & found 255 medium risk journals

**Federal Government documents:**
- Specific Statistics Canada publications w/ print & digital overlap, thus considered low risk.
- Member libraries to self-nominate for archiving.
- 26 titles with over 700 volumes were archived
Phase 4:

- Drawing on the success of the government documents project, we plan on expanding the coverage for Phase 4 to include all *Statistics Canada* publications. This project should start later this month.

- SPAN also plans to return to journal archiving, but rather than identifying titles by how widely held, we plan to survey our libraries to look for publisher collections they are most interested in seeing archived.
Any questions?