North/Nord (https://northnordsharedprint.ca/) is a Canadian shared print network that will coordinate the activities of existing regional shared print initiatives and provide a path to participation for other interested libraries not yet in a shared print program. This national program will provide a means to consolidate print collections while ensuring long-term content retention and access for users. The Network was formed based on the recommendation of the Canadian Collective Print Strategy Working Group.

Milestones in 2021

- The Steering Committee was formed and first gathered in May. It consists of representatives from Library and Archives Canada, CARL, regional consortia, and the two operating regional shared print programs in Canada, COPPUL SPAN and Keep@Downsview. Caitlin Tillman, Keep@Downsview, is serving as Chair of the Committee.
- A half-time Network Coordinator (Trish Chatterley) was hired in August 2021.
- A funding subcommittee was struck to investigate grant opportunities to supplement the operational funding currently being provided by LAC, CARL and the regional consortia.
- Many meetings have been held with consortia directors, Shared Print coordinators, and funder representatives to gather input to inform direction. Our sincere thanks to everyone who has so graciously shared their time and expertise with us!
- Three priority project streams have been identified. Co-chairs for each stream have been put in place, and operational working groups will soon be assembled to set direction within each stream. The streams are:
  - Indigenous works. Community consultation will take place to inform direction with regard to this stream.
  - Government documents. This stream will build on the work of the National Overlap Study conducted in 2020. Doug Brigham and Joseph Hafner presented initial steps and direction for this work at Government Information Day(s) in December.
  - Canadiana. Our first pilot project, in collaboration with the Association of Canadian University Presses, will focus on seeking retention commitments for University Press publications.

We are eagerly looking forward to furthering the work and collaboration of North/Nord in 2022!

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