



COPPUL SPAN Update for PAN

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Phase 4

Phase 4 included nearly 9,000 monograph and serial titles published by Statistics Canada and its predecessors. 13 SPAN participants together committed to retain 6,595 titles: 3,754 monographs and 2,841 serials. We were not able to locate any archive holders for the remaining 2,214 titles. This represents an overall retention ratio of 75%. The serial commitments have been reported to CRL for inclusion in the PAPER registry. The final report and the list of archived titles are available on the [SPAN website](#).

Phase 5

Phase 5 focuses on rarely-held Western Canadian serials. That is, titles held at 4 or fewer SPAN libraries either published in or concerning the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan or Manitoba. This phase includes 8,764 titles held at 20 of the 21 SPAN libraries. Participants have submitted the results of their holdings searches and SPAN staff are about to start the process of allocating titles for retention. This is the first phase in which all participants will have to act as archive holders, if they wish.

Phase 5 will include volume-level validation of allocated titles, prior to the confirmation of commitments. All SPAN libraries are closed at present, due to COVID-19, and their physical collections will likely remain inaccessible until some time this fall. Our plan is to wait until our colleagues have access to their collections before asking them to undertake the physical validation work. An overview of Phase 5 is available on the [SPAN website](#).

Phases 6 & 7

The SPAN Management Committee has been busy planning the next two phases of SPAN. At present, our plan is to undertake one phase dealing with Canadian topographic maps and

another dealing with Western Canadian newspapers. Both phases require further consultation and elaboration prior to launching. We are not yet sure of the timing of these phases, given the COVID-19 situation, but we hope to firm up the details of Phase 6 in the late summer of this year.

Monographs Project #1

The 10 participating libraries have mostly concluded their work on this project. Jean Blackburn, chair of the SPAN Management Committee, and Doug Bringham recently concluded check-in meetings with representatives from each participating library. Their feedback was uniformly very positive: participants found the project worthwhile both in terms of developing a safety net for their print collections and for the opportunity it gave them to examine and evaluate their physical collections in detail. The only significant amount of work still to be completed is the registration of the commitments in the OCLC Shared Print Registry. We intend to complete that work by the end of this year.

Canadian Collaborative Print Preservation Strategy Working Group

The group has been hard at work crafting a framework for a national-level shared print preservation program and the final report is on track to be finished this August. Working group members hope that the proposed program will be developed over the next three years. Alison Bullock, Director of Acquisitions at Library & Archives Canada, will give a presentation on CCPS WG's work at this year's PAN Forum.

National Overlap Study of Government Documents

This pilot project is nearing completion. The study used OCLC's Greenglass platform to support the analysis and retention of the print holdings of Canadian federal government publications at 26 academic, public and government libraries. The NOS group held three consultation webinars for project participants, in order to share the results of the analysis and to solicit feedback on the proposed next steps. Gwen Bird (Simon Fraser University) and Doug Bringham (COPPUL) will host a [public webinar on 25 June](#) at which they will present the results of the project to the wider library community.

Respectfully submitted,

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