COPPUL SPAN Update for PAN

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Phase 4

To date, 8 institutions have committed to retain 1,909 print monograph and serial titles published by Statistics Canada. 1,650 titles do not appear to be held by any participating institutions. There remain 4,867 titles to analyze and commit to retain. This phase is expected to be complete in July 2019.

Phase 5

Shortly after the completion of Phase 4, we plan to start Phase 5, which will focus on rare or less-widely-held Canadian serials. This phase is expected to include approximately 12,000 titles spread across all 20 COPPUL SPAN institutions. This will be the first phase in which every SPAN participant will be able to commit to retain materials, if they choose.

Monographs Project #1

The Monographs Project #1 is nearing completion. 10 institutions have committed to retain over 1,100,000 monographs. Nearly all participants have completed their shelf-checking and some have begun to update their catalogue records with retention information. Participants are also reporting any items that they cannot locate, so that other participants might accept to retain them on behalf of the project.

Canadian Collaborative Print Preservation Strategy Working Group

COPPUL is a member of the joint Library and Archives Canada - Canadian Association of Research Libraries working group on a Canadian collaborative print preservation strategy. The
working is considering a wide range of interconnected issues related to the development of a nationwide collective print collection. Gwen Bird, Dean of Libraries at Simon Fraser University and a member of the SPAN Management Committee, is one of two co-chairs of the working group.

The Working Group met for a working day in February, hosted by the University of Toronto Libraries. Since then, the group has completed an environmental scan of shared print programs and a survey of existing library and archival storage facilities in Canada. Both documents are intended to be available publicly this summer.

**National Overlap Study of Government Documents**

The CCPPS Working Group is running a pilot project to test the suitability of OCLC’s Greenglass platform to support the analysis and retention of nationally distributed collections. In response to suggestions from the user community, the CCPPS Working Group decided to use Canadian federal print government documents (both monographs and serials) as a test-bed. 25 academic, governmental and public libraries have agreed to participate in the pilot project.

The group expects to start reviewing the results of the initial collections analysis in summer 2019 and will proceed to considering retention models and commitments thereafter.

**Partnership for Shared Book Collections**

COPPUL is a member of the PBSC and participates most directly through the Best Practices Working Group. Doug served as a member of the sub-group working on the best practices around metadata, completeness and condition validation.

Respectfully submitted,

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