



COPPUL SPAN Update for PAN Forum

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Phase 1 and 2 Commitment Extensions

In 2022, work was undertaken to extend the retention commitments for our Phase 1 and 2 low-risk JSTOR journal titles. The original 10 year commitment period was set to expire at the end of 2022, so libraries were asked to extend those commitments for another 10 year period. Archive Holders were also asked to retain any additional volumes of included titles published after 2012 that had been added to their collections subsequent to the original Phase 1 and 2 work being completed. Confirmation of commitments is now complete and updates will be submitted to PAPER. The SPAN Standing Committee approved a recommendation to not seek replacement commitments for the small number of low-risk titles from Phase 1 and 2 that could no longer be retained by their original Archive Holders, as they are already widely preserved and persistent digital access is available.

Phase 6: Topographic Maps

11 participating libraries have completed a sheet-level inventory of two historical series of topographic maps depicting Western and Northern Canada: the National Topographic System 1:25,000 scale and 1:63,360 scale maps. The Phase 6 Working Group has submitted a recommendation to archive 2 copies of each sheet held, except in cases where Library and Archives Canada does not have a copy, in which case 3 copies will be retained. Once the recommendation on the number of retentions is approved, the Coordinator will assign retention commitments to the Archive Holders. A Working Group has been struck to create sheet-level bibliographic records for maps that do not already have them.

Indigenous Historical Publications Working Group

The Indigenous Historical Publications Working Group is responsible for guiding efforts to improve discovery of, access to, and preservation of publications by and about Indigenous communities on whose lands COPPUL members live and work.

The group has been working on a report of findings from the survey that was distributed to COPPUL members on the barriers to digitizing Indigenous newspapers; the results will be distributed later in the Spring/Summer. Work on developing a master list of Western Canadian Indigenous newspapers continues, and will be published shortly, along with a call for submissions for additional titles. COPPUL is collaborating with Canada's national shared print network, [North/Nord](#), to identify ways to expand the title list to the rest of Canada.

You can track the progress of the Working Group on [its website](#).

SPAN Program Evaluation

Members of the SPAN Standing Committee completed a 10 year program evaluation in the fall of 2021. [The final report is available online](#). Work is underway to develop some communication tools for libraries to use to convey the value of Shared Print and to promote the SPAN program specifically. Work has also begun to complete the registration of retention commitments from the Monographs Project #1 with OCLC, which was flagged in the program evaluation as incomplete. This work is expected to be completed later this year.

Change in SPAN Staffing

Kyla Overall assumed the role of SPAN Coordinator on partial secondment from the University of Toronto in September 2022. She will be going on parental leave in February 2023. Sarah Stang has been recruited to serve as SPAN Coordinator on an interim basis. Congratulations and thank you, Sarah!

Respectfully submitted,

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