COPPUL SPAN Update for PAN

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Shared Print Monograph Summit

COPPUL was invited to attend the EAST Shared Print Monograph Summit in Boston this April. The two days of discussion provided many opportunities to unpack a broad range of topics that underpin the shared print ecosystem. Doug Brigham, COPPUL SPAN Coordinator, was asked to be the convenor of a working group that will investigate the issues involved in retentions and resource sharing. The other working group members are Susan Stearns (EAST), Anne Osterman (VIVA) and Pamela Grudzien (MI-SPI).

SPAN Phase 4

The second part of SPAN Phase 4 is now underway. Phase 4B involves the retention of roughly 8,000 monograph and serial publications from Statistics Canada, Canada’s national statistical agency. StatsCan have digitized virtually all of their publications, dating back to the 1870s, and COPPUL members will build a print archive of these now low-risk materials. Phase 4B is expected to wrap up in May 2019.

SPAN Phase 5

We are in the midst of developing our next phase, which is intended to archive rare or less widely held Canadian serials. We have been working with colleagues at Library and Archives Canada (LAC) to identify titles of potential interest.
Monographs Project

SPAN Monographs Project #1 is nearing completion. 10 institutions have committed to retain over 1,000,000 monographs. Nearly all participants have completed their shelf-checking and some have begun to update their catalogue records with retention information. The project committee is giving final consideration to the MOU for this project, which will then go to the COPPUL Directors for ratification.

LAC-CARL Working Group

COPPUL has been invited to serve on the joint Library and Archives Canada - Canadian Association of Research Libraries working group on a Canadian collective print strategy. This working group is a direct consequence of the @Risk North / Collections en péril forum that took place last November. The working group will consider 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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