

Keep@Downsview

Report for PAN ALA Annual Meeting, June 2019



[Keep@Downsview](#) is a partnership of the University of Toronto, the University of Ottawa, Western University, McMaster University, and Queen's University. Our mandate is to preserve the scholarly record in Ontario in a shared high-density storage and preservation facility located at the University of Toronto's Downsview Campus in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. This partnership is part of a larger movement, in Canadian higher education, to collaborate in developing shared print management strategies for long-term access to and preservation of scholarship and to share resources and costs.

Recent Initiatives and Activities

- The Partnership is represented on the newly-established Canadian Collective Print Preservation Strategy Working Group, which is jointly-sponsored by CARL (Canadian Association of Research Libraries) and LAC (Library & Archives Canada). The Working Group is following up on ideas identified at the 2017 @Risk North forum and will recommend avenues for potential national coordination of print collections.
- Keep@Downsview members have been participating in the work of the Partnership for Shared Book Collections through membership on two of the Working Groups.
- The members visited the ReCAP facility in October 2018 to learn more about metadata management and workflows in a large-scale operation and to explore ways we might collaborate.
- To expand our capacity to improve access to our shared print collection, we are moving towards installing an Internet Archive scanning centre at the Downsview site, to complement the IA centre housed on the main campus of the University of Toronto.
- The founding partner libraries are exploring the best strategy for expanding our membership in response to expressions of interest from other Canadian academic libraries.

Facts

- Volumes held in Keep@Downsview (as of April 30, 2019): 3,306,741
- The facility also houses the University of Toronto Archives and the print format materials belonging to the media archival collections of the University of Toronto Libraries.
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