



PAN Forum Update *June 2016*

The Council of Prairie and Pacific Libraries' Shared Print Archive Network (SPAN) is a distributed retrospective print repository program, operating in Western Canada. SPAN's main goals are to provide access to shared print archives, create opportunities for the reallocation of library space, and preserve the print record for its members in a cost-effective way.

Currently SPAN is involved in the following projects:

1. Monograph project:

- The monograph project officially launched in fall 2015 with ten member libraries. OCLC's Sustainable Collection Services (SCS) has been contracted to analyze the collective 8.5M records. Currently, our data has been returned from SCS, and we are in the middle of discussions surrounding possible retention models. The goal is determine 3 draft models to test over the summer before selecting a final model in the fall.

2. Statistics Canada documents:

- Drawing on the successful pilot project in Phase 3, we are now expanding our coverage to include the archiving of all of Statistics Canada print publications. We have secured an initial title list, and are working on holdings and ISSNs before sending out to participants shortly.

3. Return to Print Journals

- The last component of Phase 4 will see a return to print journal archiving, although instead of determining the title list by comparing holdings of the participating libraries, we plan to survey collection librarians in our consortium and determine which publisher collections they would most like to see archived. This will follow the gov docs archiving project, in the fall.

It is also noteworthy to mention that SPAN is undergoing some significant staffing changes. Alison Griffin, SPAN's manager of the past three years, has left to work at a COPPUL member library. Andrew Waller, COPPUL's Executive Director, is also leaving this summer, and the hunt for a new director is currently underway. Any questions regarding the project in the short term can be directed to Andrew Waller, or Gwen Bird, who is on SPAN's management committee.