

LIBRARY PUBLISHING COALITION

Annual Report
2020-2021



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Library Publishing Coalition Board of Directors is excited to share this inaugural annual report with the global library publishing community. Although this past year was challenging in so many ways, LPC was able to continue providing valuable resources to the library publishing community. The LPC Board members express heartfelt gratitude to the professionals working in library publishing who support each other in their day-to-day work throughout the year, and we are deeply thankful to our member institutions who sustain this community.

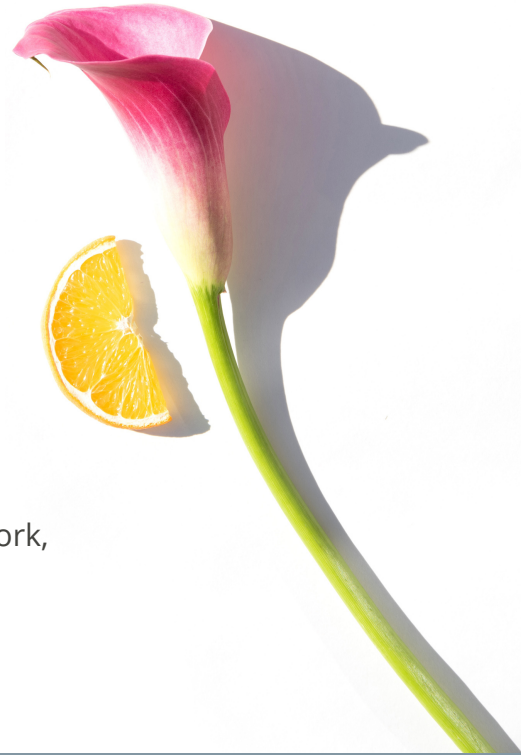
We celebrate the incredible accomplishments of all our task forces and committees but want to single out the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for coordinating LPC's Anti-Racism Community Call last September and organizing the collected suggestions and ideas into an actionable plan, the LPC Roadmap for Anti-Racist Practice, which will direct our DEI activities for the foreseeable future. Additionally, the Program Committee, along with the LPC staff and our irreplaceable Community Facilitator Melanie Schlosser, did their usual stellar job in putting together a fabulous Library Publishing Forum, which was virtual again this year. Many thanks to all who participated, and we hope to see you at the in-person forum next year in Pittsburgh, jointly hosted by Carnegie-Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh. For now, however, we invite you to dive into the information below that expands on our community's accomplishments of the past year.

On behalf of the LPC Board of Directors,

JODY BAILEY
Board President, 2020-2021



OUR REACH & IMPACT



LPC connects its members with a wide network of peers, aligned organizations, collaborative communities, and generative projects. These connections support member libraries in their publishing work, advance the interests of the library publishing field, and increase alignment across professional communities.

PARTNERSHIPS

IFLA Library Publishing Special Interest Group, Coalition for Diversity & Inclusion in Scholarly Communications

We support efforts dedicated to creating a more inclusive system of scholarly communications.

STRATEGIC AFFILIATES

ARL, AUPresses, CLOCKSS, CNI, CELJ, CC USA, Crossref, DLF, DOAJ, FORCE11, NASIG, OASPA, OEN, PKP, SPARC, SSP

We partner with affiliated organizations on professional development, research, and advocacy.

MEMBER LIBRARIES

Our members are based in the United States (69), Canada (7), Australia (1), Ireland (1), United Kingdom (1), Qatar (1).

We provide a forum for libraries to share knowledge and collaborate on solutions.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Library Publishing Workflows, Next Generation Library Publishing

We contribute to research that advances practice in the field.

AFFILIATED COMMUNITIES

MetaArchive Cooperative, BitCurator Consortium, Software Preservation Network

We share knowledge and resources with our peer communities hosted by the Educopia Institute.

PROGRESS ON OUR STRATEGIC GOALS



PROMULGATING BEST PRACTICES IN LIBRARY PUBLISHING

- Hosted our first annual **Documentation Month** in February, including weekly community calls, documentation accountability groups, and the release of the freely available *Library Publishing Documentation Toolkit*.
- Launched the **Library Publishing Curriculum Editorial Board** to steward, update, and promote this critical resource.
- Awarded our first round of **Publishing Practice Awards** to programs doing excellent work in two areas: Accessibility and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- Researched journal publishing workflows in libraries via the IMLS-funded **Library Publishing Workflows project**, which hosted a series of platform-themed community calls and published a series of blog posts on publishing pain points.
- Relunched the **Research Interests Match Program**, which connects individuals interested in finding collaborators for library publishing-related research projects, conference proposals, and more.

STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY OF LIBRARY PUBLISHERS

- Released the ***LPC Roadmap for Anti-Racist Practice***, a plan to help LPC and the community of library publishers embrace fundamental values of anti-racism and anti-oppression.
- Matched community members via the **Peer Mentorship Program**, and provided resources to encourage strong and supportive mentoring relationships.
- Highlighted 151 library publishing programs via the publication of the **2021 Library Publishing Directory**, created in partnership with the IFLA Library Publishing Special Interest Group.
- Hosted the first born-virtual **Library Publishing Forum** with 437 registrants and 67 presentations by community members from the United States, Canada, Germany, Ireland, United Kingdom, Sweden, South Africa, Namibia, Nigeria, Austria, Iran, Netherlands, Brazil, Finland, and Australia.
- Leveraged the LPC Blog to publish **reflections by community members** on professional transitions and intersections.
- Highlighted the voices of **LPC Fellows** via blog posts and forum presentations.

LOCAL AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

- Supported the **international community** of library publishers through ongoing partnerships with the IFLA Library Publishing Special Interest Group.
- Helped launch the **Coalition for Diversity and Inclusion in Scholarly Communication (C4DISC)**.
- Facilitated community involvement in the Arcadia-funded **Next Generation Library Publishing project**.
- Contributed to a NASIG effort to create a **model digital preservation policy**.
- Added four new aligned membership organizations to our **Strategic Affiliates program**.

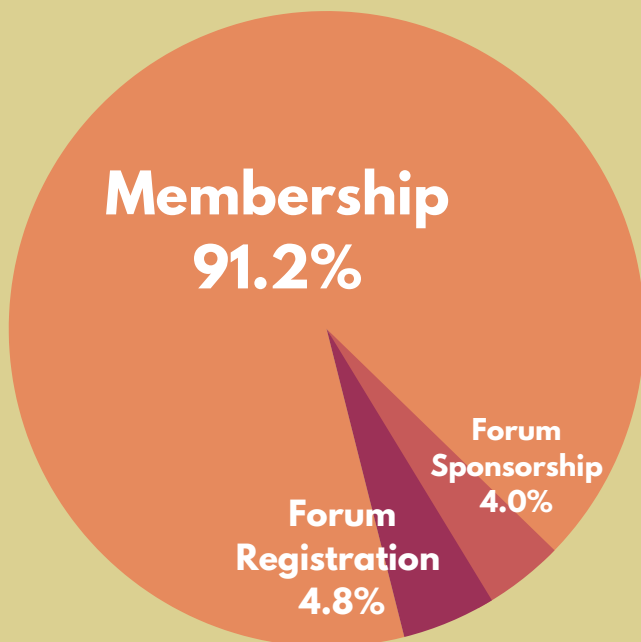


FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

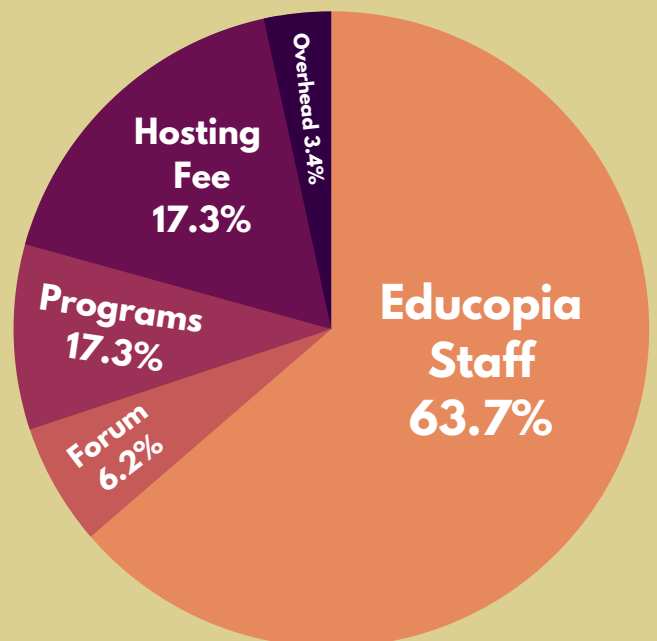
The LPC's budget is a community asset that is allocated in alignment with our strategic priorities. Our finances are very healthy, and for FY21 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) the LPC's expenses were **\$116,008**. Revenue was **\$173,984** leaving a **\$57,976** surplus. Membership renewal was extremely high despite a difficult year for libraries, but several categories of expenditures were much lower than normal (e.g., travel). Our annual conference, the Library Publishing Forum, is intended to be cost neutral and not a source of revenue. When a budget surplus results, it is added to our healthy financial reserve, which is in line with best practice guidelines for nonprofit organizations.



INCOME



EXPENSES



ABOUT LIBRARY PUBLISHING & THE LPC



Library publishing plays a key role in establishing a community-owned, community-led scholarly communication ecosystem.

While scholarly publishing is a core function of academia, the commercial companies that have traditionally controlled a majority of publications often hold values that run counter to those of the faculty whose work they publish. This includes the publication of content behind paywalls, which ties breadth of dissemination to profits. In efforts to better serve their parent institutions, faculty, and the common good, libraries began establishing publishing programs that support the publication needs and efforts of their institution while maximizing access to publications. While each library publishing program differs in its structure, goals, and focus, these programs build on the skills of librarians in scholarship, metadata, and publishing, and align with the values of their institutions, often prioritizing open access, open source software, and new and emerging publication types. This scaffolding and expertise ensure that those producing the scholarship have increased control over the production, publication, and ownership of their publications.

The Library Publishing Coalition aims to extend the impact and sustainability of library publishing and open scholarship by providing a professional forum for developing best practices and shared expertise. This independent, community-led membership association supports a community in which library publishing professionals can meet, work together, share information, and confront common issues in this emerging field and sponsors the development of key resources that strengthen not only members but also the library publishing community at large.