

LIBRARY PUBLISHING COALITION

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I want to congratulate everyone involved with the Library Publishing Coalition (LPC), from member libraries, committee members, Educopia staff, Forum attendees, and everyone else involved, on another successful year as a coalition committed to advance library publishing. There is a recurring comment at Board meetings that emphasizes the incredible amount of work that happens across LPC each program year—"Wow, was that this year?!"

And what a year it was! In the report that follows we've highlighted a snapshot of our program year. What is not included in this report is the long list of individuals who made all of this work possible. It is an understatement to say that our coalition is as strong as the individuals involved—our unified effort to strengthen and propel library publishing depends on each of them.

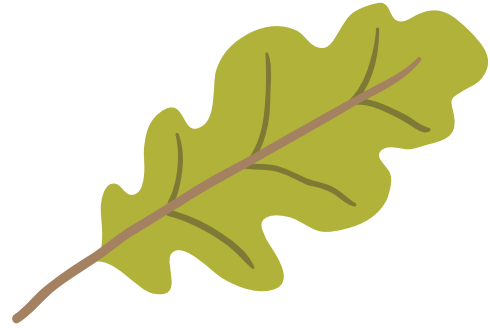
In 2022, we launched a new round of planning to determine strategic directions for the community when the current strategic plan winds down in 2023. Because of our strong desire to focus on the strengths, needs, and goals of the community, we are using a community planning framework that puts a priority on engagement with community members. This also means we are building a lot of flexibility into the process and final document, so that both can be responsive to what we hear from the community. So far, this has involved community calls, planning sessions with LPC's committees and task forces, and conversations with some of our strategic affiliates. Soon we will circulate the Community Plan draft with opportunities for all community members to give feedback.

Please join me at next year's Forum in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where we will celebrate LPC's 10th anniversary, and where our cheers for library publishing will continue to reverberate.

EMMA MOLLS
Board President, 2022-2023



CHANGES IN LPC DUES



This year, for the first time in our ten years of existence, LPC raised its membership dues (effective for the 2023–2024 membership year). We have been able to grow our programs and staffing over the years while keeping dues flat because of significant growth in membership and because of support from our host organization, Educopia Institute. Over the last couple of years, Educopia has restructured its hosting program to be more equitable and more sustainable, which has increased LPC’s overhead costs. Those costs are now based on our annual budget and operating reserve, and more directly reflect the actual cost of hosting the community.

The LPC Board explored all available options to close the budgetary gap created by the increased overhead fees—with the primary goal of maintaining our strong membership. In the end, the difficult decision was made to make a one-time \$500 increase to dues for program year 2023–2024, with a 5% annual increase each year thereafter. These increases, combined with spending down some of our very healthy operating reserve, will have LPC back to balanced annual budgets within five years. The board will re-evaluate dues every three years to ensure we are adequately supporting the community and maintaining a responsible operating reserve, while not overcharging our members.

After announcing the dues increase, the Board held an informational webinar open to all members to explain the situation in greater detail. Open office hours were also held, and a one-page fact sheet was circulated to help inform member libraries of the necessity of the change. We received very positive feedback about our careful approach, and we are thrilled to report we have not seen any unusual drop in membership for the coming year!

If you’d like more detailed information about the Board’s work regarding the dues increase, check out [this article regarding the dues increase](#) on the LPC blog.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

In the past, LPC's fiscal year has mirrored our program year (July 1–June 30). As part of a larger set of changes to our fiscal processes, this year we changed our fiscal year to the calendar year (January 1–December 31). This change brings us into alignment with our host organization, Educopia Institute, and will simplify our accounting processes, but the transition means that the figures reported here overlap with those shared in our previous annual report (specifically, the months of January through June, 2022).

Our finances remain healthy, and for FY22 (January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022) LPC's expenses were \$176,836. Revenue was \$199,128, leaving a \$22,292 surplus. Part of this surplus can be attributed to several budget categories (such as travel) that have yet to return to pre-pandemic levels of spending. While we ended 2022 (and years prior) with a surplus, we will operate at a deficit for the next five years as our dues increases catch up to the increased cost of fiscal sponsorship. Even so, LPC is projected to maintain a responsible operating reserve.



MEMBERS

We welcome as members academic and research libraries and library consortia that have or are considering library publishing programs.

Our members:

- Atla
- Atlanta University Center
- Boston College
- California Digital Library
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Claremont Colleges Library
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Dublin Business School
- Emory University
- Florida State University
- George Mason University
- Grand Valley State University
- Illinois Wesleyan University
- Indiana University
- Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
- Iowa State University
- James Madison University
- Kansas State University
- Library of Congress
- McGill University
- McMaster University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Missouri State University
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University
- Pacific University
- Penn State University
- Pepperdine University
- Portland State University
- Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALNI)
- Purdue University
- Rice University
- Rutgers University
- Simon Fraser University
- SUNY Geneseo
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- Tulane University
- UMass Chan Medical School
- University College London (UCL) Libraries & UCL Press
- University of Alberta
- University of Arizona
- University of Arkansas

- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Delaware
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Guelph
- University of Houston
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of Louisville
- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- University of Minnesota
- University of New Brunswick
- University of North Texas
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Ottawa
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of South Florida
- University of Tennessee
- University of Texas at Arlington
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- University of Western Ontario
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Villanova University
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Tech
- Wake Forest University
- Washington State University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wayne State University
- Weill Cornell Medicine—Qatar
- West Virginia University
- York University



STRATEGIC AFFILIATES

LPC's strategic affiliates are peer membership organizations with whom we partner on professional development, research, advocacy, and more. These connections support our member libraries in their publishing work, advance the interests of the library publishing field, and increase alignment across professional communities.

OUR CURRENT AFFILIATES

LPC's strategic affiliates for the 2023–2024 program year were: Association of Research Libraries (ARL), Association of University Presses, CLOCKSS, Coalition for Networked Information, Council of Editors of Learned Journals, Crossref, Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), FORCE11, Jisc, The Library Association of Ireland, NASIG, Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA), Open Education Network, Public Knowledge Project (PKP), Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC), Society for Scholarly Publishing.

STRATEGIC AFFILIATE PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: UNIVERSITY-BASED PUBLISHING FUTURES

LPC is partnering with the Association of Research Libraries and the Association of University Presses to develop a shared community and an advocacy agenda for university-based publishing. Last year, we hosted a series of in-community conversations, followed by a joint convening of representatives from all three communities. A follow-up working group spent the past winter drafting a joint statement that will be used as a starting point for future collaboration.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

CANADIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

Initiated by individuals from Canadian LPC members, this six-month working group engaged Canadian scholarly communications stakeholders to explore strategies for developing a stronger Canadian library publisher community. This group provided an opportunity for Canadian library publishers to grow and develop according to their unique national context and may serve as a model for how LPC can support library publishing communities of practice in other regions.

ETHICAL FRAMEWORK

In May 2023, LPC published [An Ethical Framework for Library Publishing, Version 2.0](#). A dedicated task force worked for two years to craft this update to the Library Publishing Coalition's 2018 Framework. The result is a remarkably different document, structured to orient library publishers to how they might proceed toward ethical thinking in their discipline. The form and scope of this Framework are entirely new; and it takes LPC in an exciting new direction.



PRESERVATION TASK FORCE

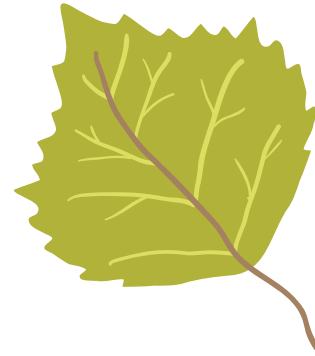
During the last two years, the Preservation Task Force investigated the current state of preservation efforts in the field through a multifaceted research project. In spring of 2023, they drafted a set of recommendations of ways to strengthen practice in this area. Recommendations to LPC's Board and committees included specific actions, including new projects, integration with existing work, and outreach and advocacy. The group is also planning to publish its work more broadly, as its literature review, survey, and landscape scan all generated broadly useful data and allowed the group to make recommendations to a broader audience, as well.

RESEARCH COHORT

The Research Cohort was a pilot initiative designed to provide LPC members who undertake research with peer mentorship, education, and opportunities to network with other researchers. It was launched in 2023 with a call for participation and an initial discussion. The Research Committee will decide on future directions for the program, but it may include both discussion and more formal professional development opportunities related to research methodologies, collaboration, compliance, and publication.



INCLUSION



ROADMAP FOR ANTI-RACIST PRACTICE

The Library Publishing Coalition (LPC) supports efforts dedicated to creating a more inclusive system of scholarly communications. In 2021, we launched the [LPC Roadmap for Anti-Racist Practice](#), spearheaded by the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force (now a standing committee) and based on community input at our initial anti-racism community call. The Roadmap has been updated annually since.

C4DISC

The Library Publishing Coalition is an active member of the [Coalition for Diversity & Inclusion in Scholarly Communications \(C4DISC\)](#), a community of communities that aims to correct historical and current inequities in scholarly communications.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

The Library Publishing Coalition engages in the international community of library publishers through its partnership with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) [Library Publishing Special Interest Group](#). We work with the IFLA SIG on a range of projects all related to advancing library publishing around the world.

ABOUT THE LIBRARY PUBLISHING COALITION



The Library Publishing Coalition (LPC) is a community that supports the activities of academic and research libraries in the creation, dissemination, and curation of scholarly, educational, and/or creative works.

We aim 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 community-led membership association supports a community of library

publishing professionals who meet, work together, share information, and confront common issues in this emerging field. LPC sponsors the development of key resources that strengthen not only members but also the library publishing community at large. Significant LPC contributions to library publishing that extend beyond our community include:

- The [Library Publishing Forum](#) (our annual conference, recordings from which are shared openly);
- the [Library Publishing Curriculum](#);
- the [Library Publishing Workflows Project](#); and
- the [Library Publishing Directory](#), which provides an annual snapshot of the publishing activities of academic and research libraries including, but not limited to, LPC members.

These resources are freely available on the web. Our website —<https://librarypublishing.org/>—contains a wealth of information for those active or interested in library publishing.