

LIBRARY PUBLISHING COALITION

Project Background

Project Period: 01-2013 to 12-2014

This project will create the Library Publishing Coalition (LPC) dedicated to advancing the emerging field of library publishing. Unlike practitioners in other fields of librarianship and publishing, library-based publishing groups lack a central location (e.g., a conference, an organization, a virtual space) where they can meet, work together, share information, and confront common issues.

Through seed support from Educopia and participating institutions, the LPC project will engage practitioners to design a collaborative network that intentionally addresses and supports an evolving, distributed, and diverse range of library production and publishing practices. The project group will study, document, and evaluate how best to structure this community-led initiative in order to promote collaboration and knowledge sharing for this field.



Project Deliverables

Design, implementation, and launch of the Library Publishing Coalition. The Organizing Committee (comprised of one representative from each Founding Institution) with the advice of the Advisory Committee (comprised of one representative from each Contributing Institution) will design the governance structure, organizational structure, mission, and initial goals and projects of the Library Publishing Coalition.

Conduct targeted research to document the current range of library publishing activities (including costs, staffing, and how libraries are financing these ventures); refine justification and positioning for library-based publishing activities; align library activities in this area with university needs and goals; and help additional libraries to envision and develop publishing services programs.

Provide a forum for practitioners to meet, exchange information, and gain training. This forum will include elements such as a listserv, training webinars, working groups, white papers/publications, and an annual event (perhaps coupled with existing events of synergistic organizations) through which libraries with an interest in digital publishing services may communicate to the broader field about their activities and goals and with one another about developments in library publishing.

Project Team

Founding Institutions

- Brigham Young University
- Colby College
- Columbia University
- Dartmouth College
- Duke University
- Grand Valley State University
- Kansas State University
- Northeastern University
- Ohio State University
- Penn State University
- Purdue University
- Syracuse University
- University of Arizona
- University of Illinois, Chicago
- University of Kentucky
- University of Massachusetts- Amherst
- University of North Carolina, Greensboro
- University of North Texas
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Utah
- Utah State University
- Virginia Tech University
- Washington University Libraries
- Wayne State University

Contributing Institutions

- Boston College
- California Polytechnic State University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Claremont Colleges Library
- Cornell University
- Florida State University
- Illinois Wesleyan University
- Indiana University
- McGill University
- Northwestern University
- Pacific University
- Rutgers University
- Simon Fraser University
- Tulane University
- University of Georgia
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of Maryland
- University of Massachusetts- Worcester
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- University of Washington
- Villanova University