



Collaborate, Communicate & Connect through Communities of Practice

Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL)

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Welcome and Introduction

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What are Communities of Practice?

- **Ongoing, self-organizing communities:** Not task forces or short-term working groups.
- **Defined by participation, not hierarchy:** Driven by shared professional interests and peer learning.
- **National networks of library professionals:** Spaces for sharing strategies, piloting ideas, and offering mutual support.
- **Member-led and bottom-up:** Guided by volunteer community members and responsive to community needs.
- **Innovation and collaboration:** Influence practices, develop shared resources, foster belonging.
- **Strengthen the research ecosystem:** Build capacity and amplify collective expertise.
- **Supported by CARL:** We provide administrative coordination, communications, and infrastructure—while leadership and direction remains with the members.

CARL Support to CoPs

CARL Library Publishing Community Engagement Team Community Call – Flipping to Diamond OA

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CARL Library Publishing Community Engagement Team Community Call – Flipping to Diamond OA

Date: **December 17, 2024**

Time: **12:00 – 1:30pm ET**

[Registration](#)

Please join the CARL Library Publishing Community Engagement Team for our next community call! The call will focus on flipping to open access."



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🚀 Unlock the power of OpenAlex for Research Analytics! 🌐 ✨ Join the CARL Bibliometrics and Research Impact Community of Practice for a deep dive with Kyle Demes on using open data for research insights. 💡

📅 April 10, 2025 | ⌚ 1:00–2:30 p.m. ET

🔗 Info & Registration: www.carl-abrc.ca/mini-site-pa...

Bibliometrics & Research Impact Community of Practice

OpenAlex for Research Analytics

April 10, 2025 | 1:00-2:30pm ET

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Videos

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“Open Knowledge & Sustainable Futures”

How CoPs in general align with “Open Knowledge and Sustainable Futures”

- **Advance open knowledge** through shared tools, workflows, and lessons learned
- **Support multiple ways of knowing** by welcoming diverse voices and expertise
- **Strengthen sustainable infrastructures** by reducing duplication and improving collaboration
- **Build resilient communities** through trust, mentorship, and collective problem-solving
- **Contribute to a robust knowledge ecosystem** by connecting local efforts to national impact

Canadian Repositories CoP

- Situating institutional repositories in Canada
- Membership
- How we operate
- Examples of past and current work and how it functions to support our community

Repository as
institutional
showcase:
competitive,
isolated



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Repository as node in a “distributed ecosystem”*: connected, reusable, sustainable

*COAR. 2024. COAR Emerging Themes and Priority Areas for the Repository Community: Outcomes of the COAR Meetings. <https://coar-repositories.org/news-updates/emerging-themes-and-priority-areas-for-the-repository-community-outcomes-of-the-coar-meetings/>



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Membership

- Brianna Calomino (University of Calgary), 2025-
- Priscilla Carmini (University of Waterloo), 2023-, chair since March 2025
- Robyn Hall (MacEwan University), 2023-
- Emily Hopkins (University of Saskatchewan), chair 2023-2025, member 2025-
- Tim Ribaric (Brock University), 2023-
- Amber Saundry (UBC), 2025-
- Sophie St-Cyr (Université de Sherbrooke), 2024-
- Carolyn Sullivan (University of Ottawa), 2024-
- Taleen Aktorosian (CARL Support)

Past members:

- Pascal Calarco (Windsor) (chair 2023-2024, member 2024-2025)
- Nailisa Tanner (McGill University), 2023-2025

How we operate

- Two main types of events, both with opportunities for community members to shape the content
- Mentorship program
- Monthly meetings, a Mattermost channel, and side groups as-needed

Panels & Invited Speakers

- More formal talks or invited speaker panels
- Worked with CARL to be able to record these and share them on YouTube
- Community members can sign up and add questions ahead of time



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Goal: Developing resources to support community members in big-picture advocacy with their colleagues and institutions!

Past events (panels & speakers)

- **Being Trustworthy: CoreTrustSeal Certification and Repositories** (April 15, 2025, 1:00pm-2:00pm ET) — [Recording](#)
- **Going to the Source: Contributing to a Healthy Open Infrastructure via Free and Open Source Software Projects** (Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 1:00-2:30pm ET) — [Recording](#)
- **Ask-me-Anything with Mike Nason!** (Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 12:00-1:00pm ET) — [Recording](#)
- **A Practical Guide to Open Infrastructure for Institutional Repository Managers** (May 1, 2024) — [Recording](#)
- **Going Beyond Articles: What Else Belongs in Institutional Repositories?** (November 21, 2023) — [Recording](#)
- **Community Conversations: Shared Infrastructure for Repositories** (June 29, 2023) — [Recording](#)

Hands-on events

- Deliberately very informal
- Community-generated – sign up sheets to present questions or problems
- Would not happen if people weren't willing to share!
- Shared notes document

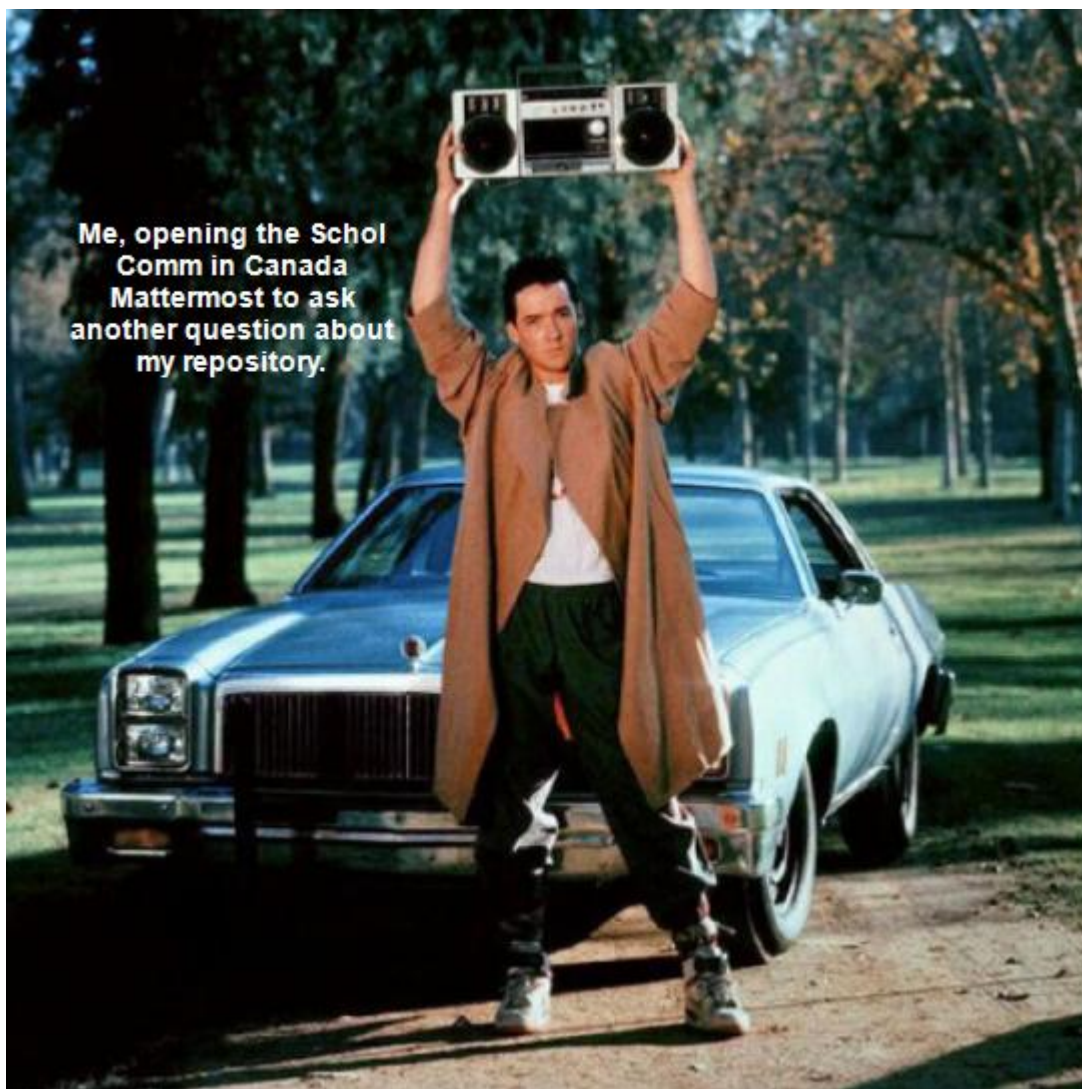


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Goal: Making people feel less alone and like they have somewhere to share all their questions and concerns!

Past events (more informal)

- **Repository Horror Stories, Episode I: My Repository Broke My Heart** (February 13, 2025, 1:00pm-2:00pm ET)
- **Summer Article Club** (Wednesdays June 12, July 10, August 14, 2024 — These events were not recorded.
- **Metadata Misery** (February 7, 2024) — This event was not recorded.
- **DSpace 7: How's it going?** (September 27, 2023) — This event was not recorded.



Me, opening the Schol
Comm in Canada
Mattermost to ask
another question about
my repository.

As always, this event made me feel much better about some of the weird situations and questions I have about the repository. Thanks, Emily and co.!

(Image and text courtesy of Cassandra Larose)

Mentorship program


- Organized by Tim Ribaric
- Launched 14 February 2025
- 7 mentors
- 18 mentees
- Offered in French and English



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Some current big topics...

- Scholaris!
- New Tri-Agency Open Access Policy
- Revisiting the importance of open infrastructure and preservation, especially in light of censorship and defunding in the United States
- Ongoing work towards prioritizing open infrastructure and standards and ensuring adequate institutional resourcing

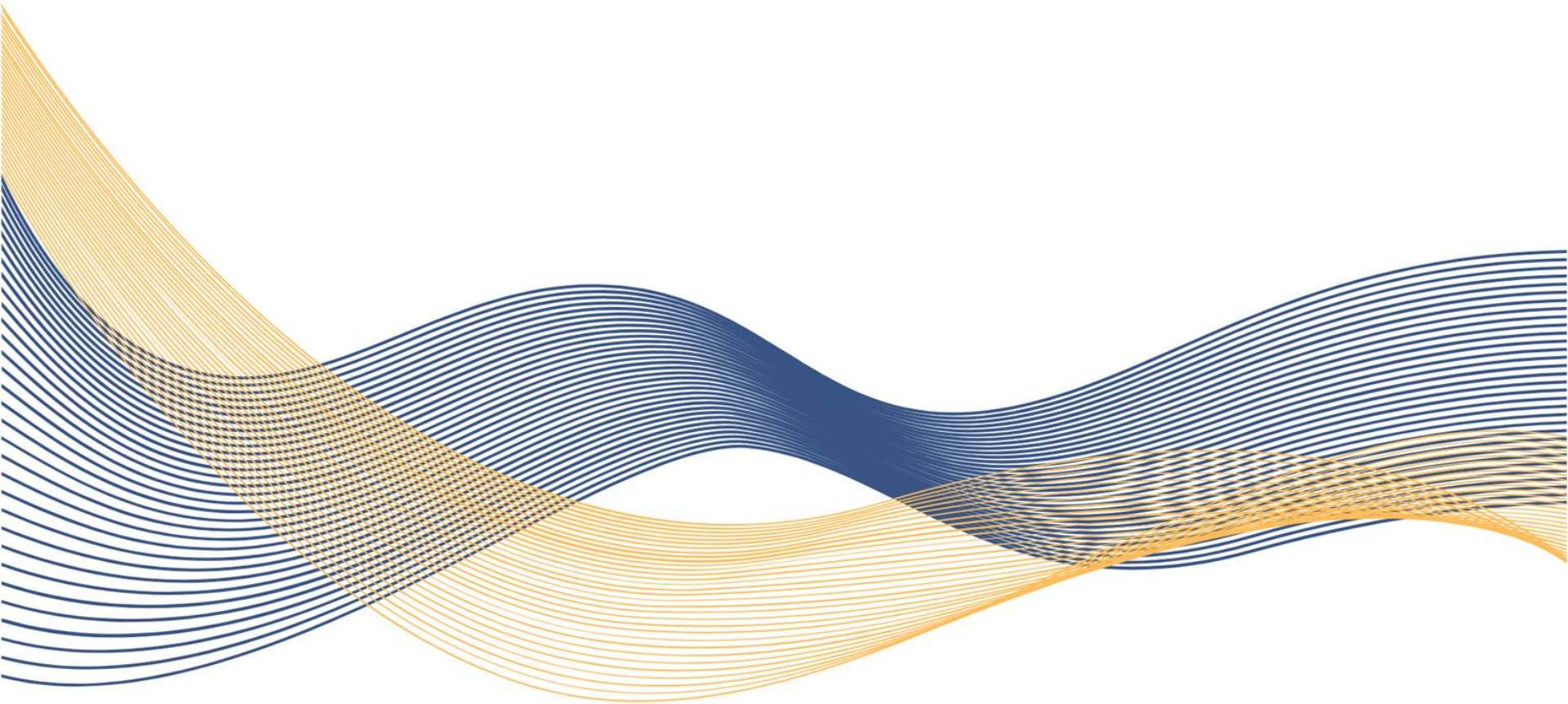
A photograph of a forest floor covered in green moss and brown pine needles. Several bright red mushrooms are scattered across the scene. Three white text boxes are overlaid on the image.

Thank you to everyone who has attended an event, presented, shared a story, asked a question, joined the mentorship program, or otherwise participated!

We are very excited and grateful to work with this community towards common goals – stay tuned for summer events!

Interoperability, not competition!

Bibliometrics and Research Impact CoP



Library Publishing CET

- **The community:** library publishing practitioners who support 700+ scholarly publications across 40+ Canadian post-secondary institutions.
- **The goal:** support our community in their functional roles, and to grow Canadian expertise and capacity in this area.
- **Who we are and what we have accomplished:** Three main areas of focus:
 - a. **Advocacy.**
 - b. **Community Events.**
 - c. **Documentation.**
- LPCET is all about “Open Knowledge and Sustainable Futures”. We focus on sharing knowledge, collaborating, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of scholar-led and library-supported diamond OA journal publishing.

Canadian Library Journal Publishing: A Primer

April 14, 2025

Academic libraries are the largest journal publishing group in Canada, collectively supporting approximately 800 journals from 35 institutions, representing a range of research disciplines and creative endeavours. This primer is intended to provide a brief introduction to Canadian library publishing and to articulate the role of library publishers in disseminating Canadian scholarship and furthering Open Access.

Why Does Canadian Library Publishing Matter?

No Paywalls

While many commercial journals continue to lock publicly-funded research behind prohibitive subscription fees, library published journals generally use a no-fee or Diamond Open Access model. 85% of library published journals are freely available online, promoting equitable access and aligning with the [Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications](#).

No Cost to Authors

Where commercial publishers do provide Open Access, they tend to require that authors pay article processing charges (APCs) for publication – some as high as [\\$12,690 USD per article](#) – which demand an increasing share of research funds. Library publishers rarely if ever charge APCs for Open Access publication.

A Commitment to Non-Commercial Publishing

Library publishers provide journals with a stable platform, independent from commercial publishers. They provide a viable alternative to the Big 5 publishers who are absorbing independent and society journals in pursuit of enormous profit margins.

Library Publishing Community Engagement Team



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Why Does Canadian Library Publishing Matter? (continued)

More Canadian Content

Library publishing often focuses on Canadian subjects that are overlooked by major commercial publishers. This model promotes biblio-, epistemic, and linguistic diversity and can give Canadian scholars more appropriate publication venues for their work.

Diversity of Content

Library-published journals cover all disciplines. Most are in the Humanities and Social Sciences, with coverage as well in Science, Engineering, and Health Sciences. Most publish traditional academic articles, and an increasing number are exploring other forms of knowledge mobilization including video, podcasts, and popular works.

Supporting Scholars at all Levels

Half of the journals published by Canadian libraries are faculty-led and peer reviewed. Almost 1/3 of library-published journals are student journals, which serve as incubators for the next generation of scholars, researchers, and creators: they provide valuable opportunities for developing expertise in writing, editing, and publication.

Discovery, Access, and Preservation

Library publishers connect their journals to the larger ecosystem of scholarly communication. They help journals by facilitating indexing by search engines and scholarly databases, and many provide DOI and ORCID iD functionality. They connect journals with preservation services to ensure perpetual access to their content even after they cease publication.

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Library Publishing Community Engagement Team



Community Events

Goal: Plan four open calls with our community members, with at least one in French, on issues of interest for Lib Pub practitioners.

Prior events:

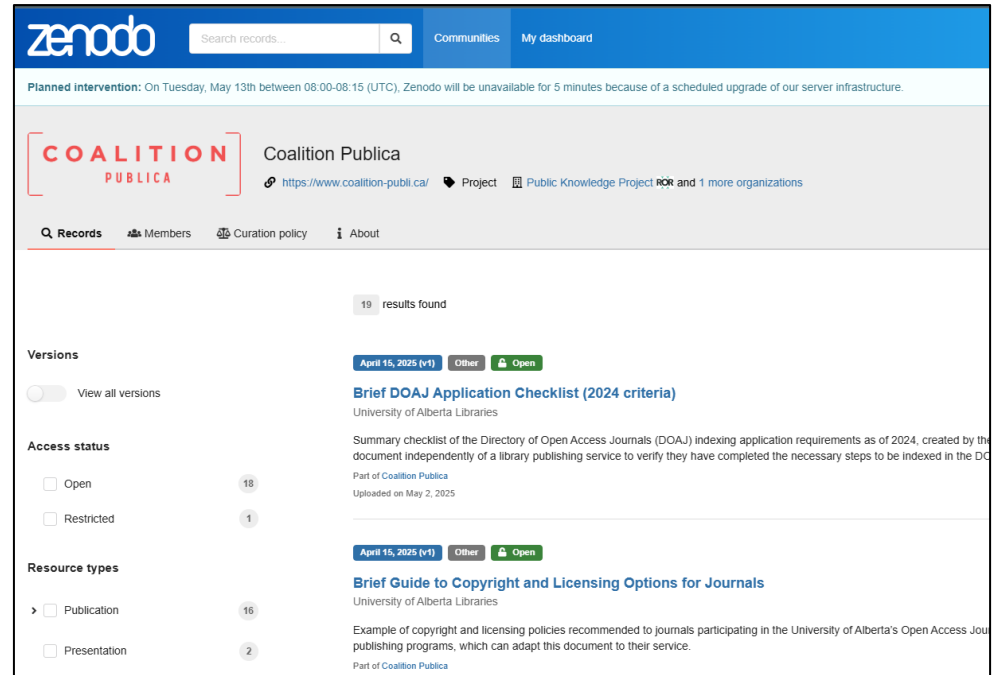
- Monday May, 27 from 1-3pm ET: Aid to Scholarly Journals (Hosted by SSHRC)
- Thursday September 12 from 12 – 1:30pm ET: Reporting and Statistics
- Tuesday December 17 from 12 – 1:30pm ET: Flipping Commercial Journals to Diamond OA Library Journals
- Wednesday February 26 from 12 – 1:30pm ET: Publishing Standards

Documentation Hub

Goal: In partnership with Coalition Publica:

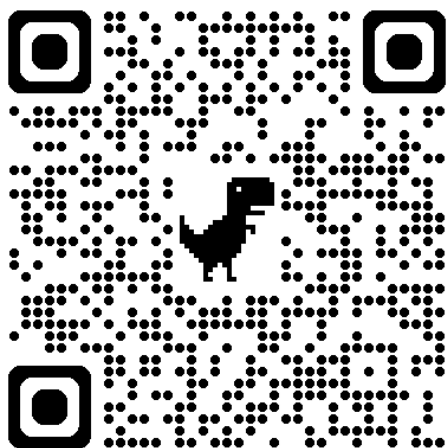
- defining the documentation needs of our community, and;
- developing a documentation hub for practitioners.

The group is currently uploading documentation to the hub.

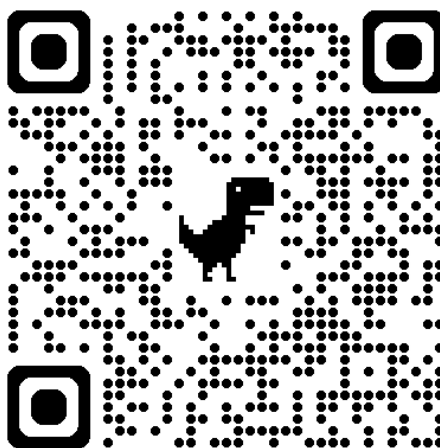


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Discussion List



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for updates about the
LP Community



THANK YOU!

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