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## **CAAL-CBPA Shared Print Working Group Plan**

**Approved by Executive Committee:**

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**Working Group Name:** Shared Print Working Group

**Related Standing Committee:** Collections

### **Scope**

The Shared Print Working Group will establish a collaborative stewardship program for physical collections—specifically print and microform materials—held by member libraries. Operating under a distributed repository model, participating libraries will commit to retaining designated materials for a defined period to ensure their continued availability within the region.

The group will focus on optimizing access to low-use research materials, and it will coordinate its efforts with North/Nord: The Canadian Shared Print Network, as well as other regional and consortial initiatives across Canada.

### **Membership**

The working group should include:

- One representative from a CAAL-CBPA member library in each Atlantic province
- Additional members as determined by the group

In selecting representatives, the group should strive for a balanced mix of expertise, particularly in collection development and metadata management. Representation reflecting various library service platforms should also be considered.

### **Chair**

The Chair will be appointed by the members of the working group. The term of service is typically one year and may be renewed with the consensus of the group.

### **Term**

Membership terms are two years, renewable with the approval of the member's home institution. To promote continuity, staggered start dates for members are encouraged.

## **Timeline**

The group's work is ongoing, with the following short-term goals:

- November 2025: Identify up to three regionally relevant projects
- December 2025: Finalize a shared print project agreement
- January 2026: Promote awareness of the program and its benefits regionally and nationally
- December 2026: Launch and operationalize three shared print projects

## **Resources Required**

A distributed shared print repository program relies on the time and expertise of library staff across participating institutions. Resource needs will vary by project size and scope. Member libraries will manage their level of involvement by selecting which projects to support.

## **Communication**

The Chair is responsible for providing regular written updates to the CAAL-CBPA Collections Committee.

The group will use Microsoft Teams as its collaborative workspace, accessible to any interested library staff within the consortium. Additionally, the CAAL-CBPA Collections listserv will be used to promote project participation and share updates with those not active in the Teams environment.