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POST-DEPOSITORY: Project Update

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OVERVIEW

- Project overview
- Methodology & Limitations
- Data (so far..)
- Next steps in analysis

Project overview

- Builds on book chapter project that examined the status of depository programs across the country
- Seeks to explore the ways in which libraries are adapting their print holdings post-federal depository - lack of published info
- Evaluates the persistence of federal government materials in former full depository CARL libraries to understand the landscape of access to historical federal government information

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Relevance to the community

- Contextual information for practitioners
- Guide government information seeking strategies
- Support collection management decisions
- Promotion of resource sharing and collaborative preservation

Key questions

- Have former full depository CARL libraries maintained their print, federal government holdings or are those collections being re-evaluated and weeded?
- Is it possible to locate materials distributed through the former program via public access catalogues?
- What do the results of this study reveal about access to federal government information in Canada more broadly?

Method, Part I

- Use the public catalogues of CARL libraries (ahead of provincial shared catalogue projects in Ontario and Quebec) to search for a sample of items selected from issues of the federal Weekly Checklist
- Sample of 100 publications: English+French or bilingual federal monographs, selected from random starting pages in Weekly Checklists from 1979, 1989, 1999, & 2009
- Exclusions: Electronic formats, Parliamentary publications, Budget publications, Non-monograph formats (CD-ROMS, Kits, Microforms, Loose leaf, VHS, DVD, Folder, pamphlets and processed), Serial publications (irregular, annual, quarterly, monthly, or bulletin), Items distributed by mailing list

Research Assistant

- With the support of the CARL 2018 Practicing Librarian - Research in Librarianship Grant & 2019 Concordia Library Research Grant, the project hired Dr. Claire Burrows, PhD for an estimated 110 hours
- Searched the public facing catalogues of all 26 libraries in the project, for a set of 100 government publications, 2600+ searches in English and French
- Completed data gathering: September 2019

Method, Part II

- Research Assistant searched for: title, date, author, format (print), and language match and collected all bibliographic information, in addition to location, status, call number, and permanent URL for all documents
- As our research assistant found problematic publications (suspected serial documents, pamphlets, and other exclusions), the research team selected new publications
- Made adjustments to the way information was collected, accounting for consortial catalogues, and publications in multiple locations

Some of those limitations...

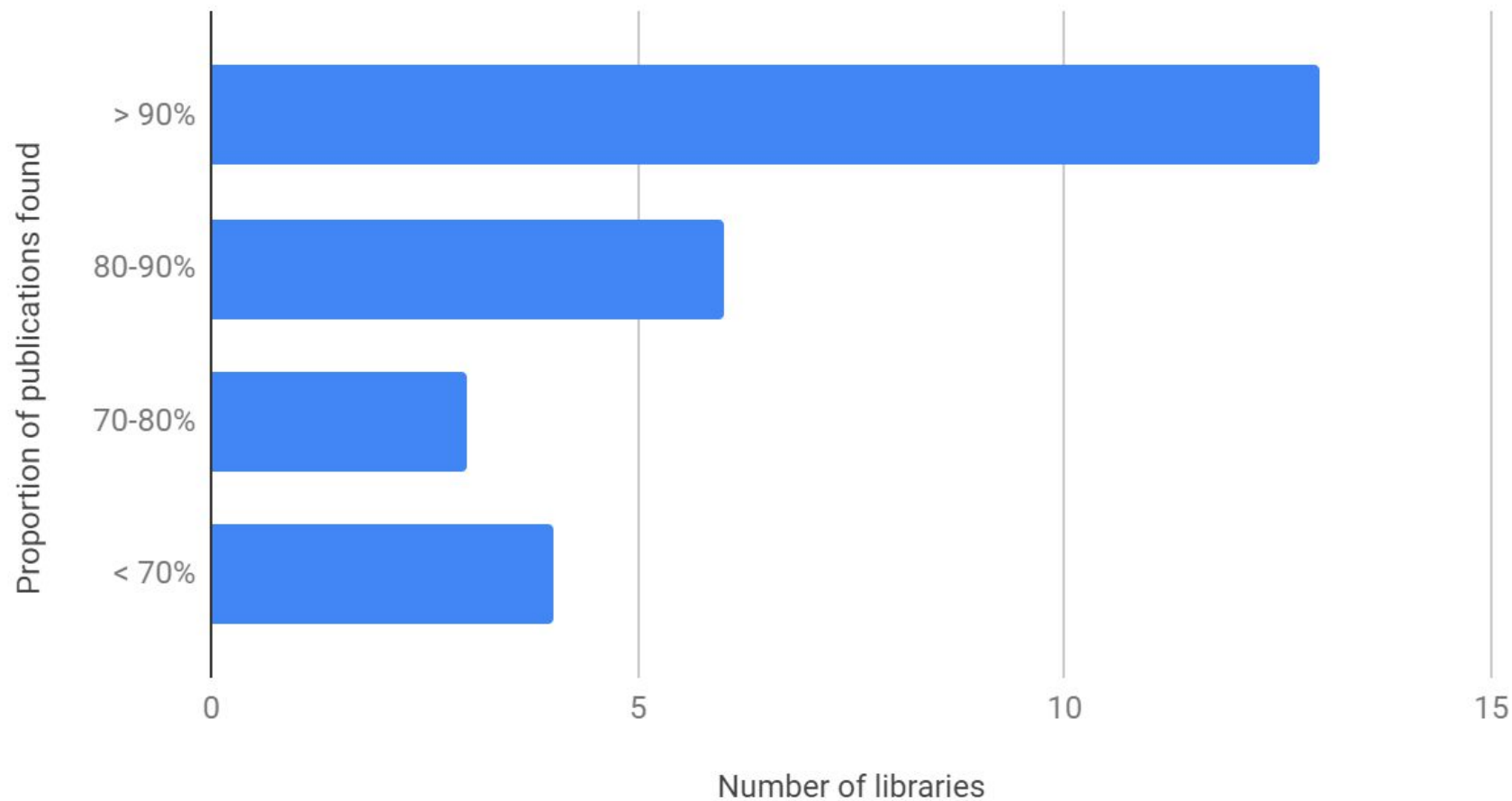
- Institution-specific approaches to cataloguing, description, and discovery
- Different search interfaces may affect successful retrieval or capture of persistent references (catalogues timing out, permanent links unavailable, formats unclear)
- Publication types we excluded may have been treated differently than those we included (e.g. the Hansard, CD-ROMs)
- What's in the catalogue might not reflect what's on the shelf
- Our search experiment tests whether it can be found using a public interface to the catalogue, not if it's in the catalogue

among others...

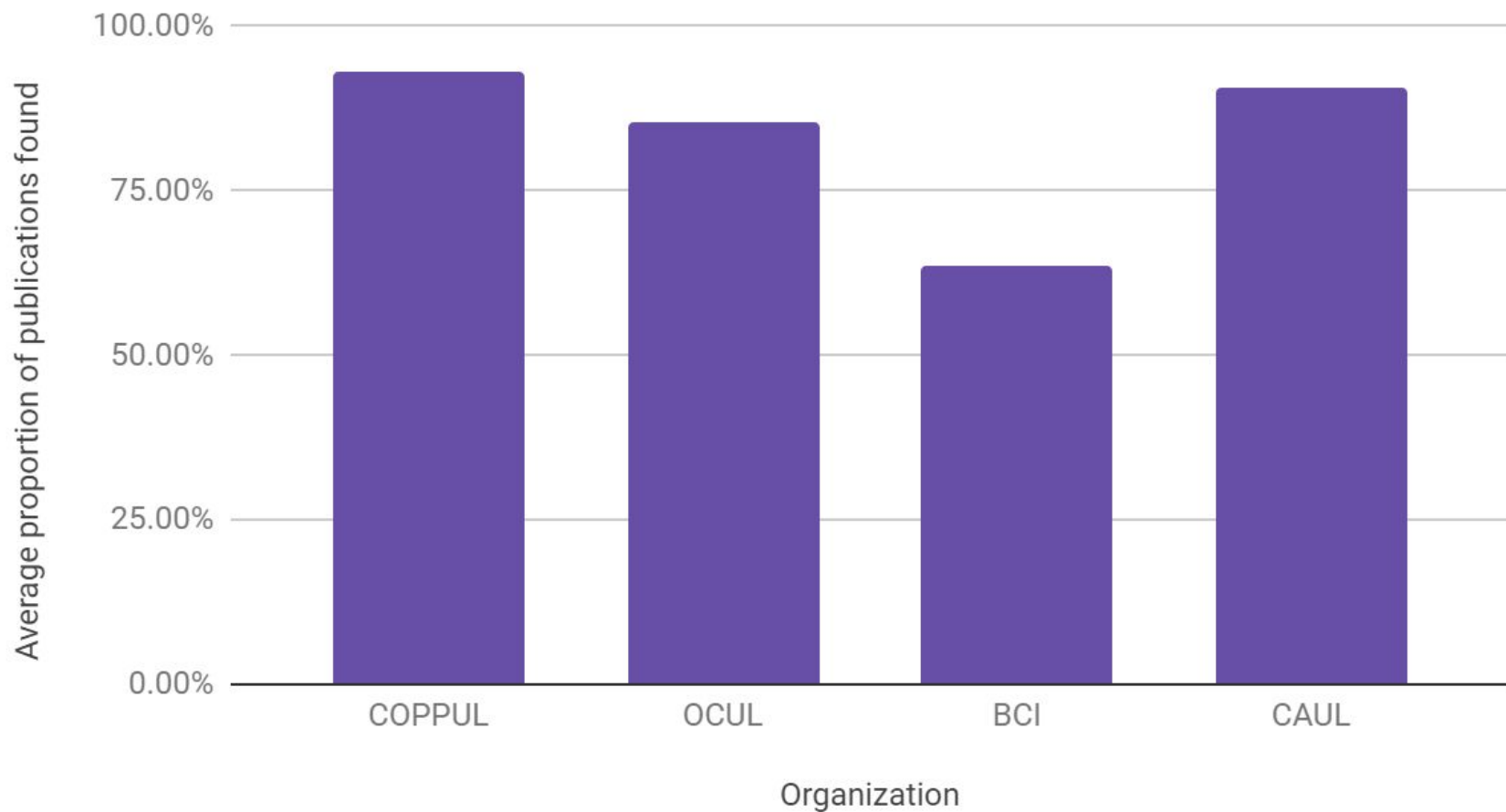
Sample Publications

ID	Full title	Date	Author	Format	Language	Checklist	ISBN	GoC CN
25	Chronicles of the Anti-Inflation Board	1979	Anti-Inflation Board	Paper bound	English	79-51	0-660-10426-1	F97-6/1979
25	Historique de la Commission de lutte contre l'inflation	1979	Commission de Lutte Contre l'Inflation	Cartonné	French	79-51	0-660-90243-5	F97-6/1979F
26	How we work for you / A votre service	1989	Labour Canada / Travail Canada	Paper cover / Broché	Bilingual	89-10	0-662-55319-5	L31-76/1989
27	Safety handbook for the inshore fisherman.	1988	Transport Canada (Canadian Coast Guard)	Paper cover	English	89-10	0-662-16602-7	T31-53/1988E
27	Guide de sécurité pour pêcheurs côtiers.	1988	Transports Canada (Garde cotiere canadienne)	Broché	French	89-10	0-662-95224-3	T31-53/1988F
28	Canada's food aid: helping Africans to help themselves / L'aide alimentaire canadienne: aider les Africains à s'aider eux-mêmes.	1989	Canada International Development Agency / Agence Canadienne de Developpement International	Paper cover / Broché	Bilingual	89-11	0-662-56434-0	E94-110/1989
29	Smoke in the workplace: an evaluation of smoking restrictions	1988	Health and Welfare Canada (Health Services and Promotion Branch)	Paper cover	English	89-11	0-662-16518-7	H39-135/1988E
29	L'usage du tabac en milieu de travail: évaluation de la politique concernant l'usage du tabac	1988	Sante et Bien-etre Social Canada (Direction generale des services st de la promotion de la sante)	Broché	French	89-11	0-662-95155-7	H39-135/1988F

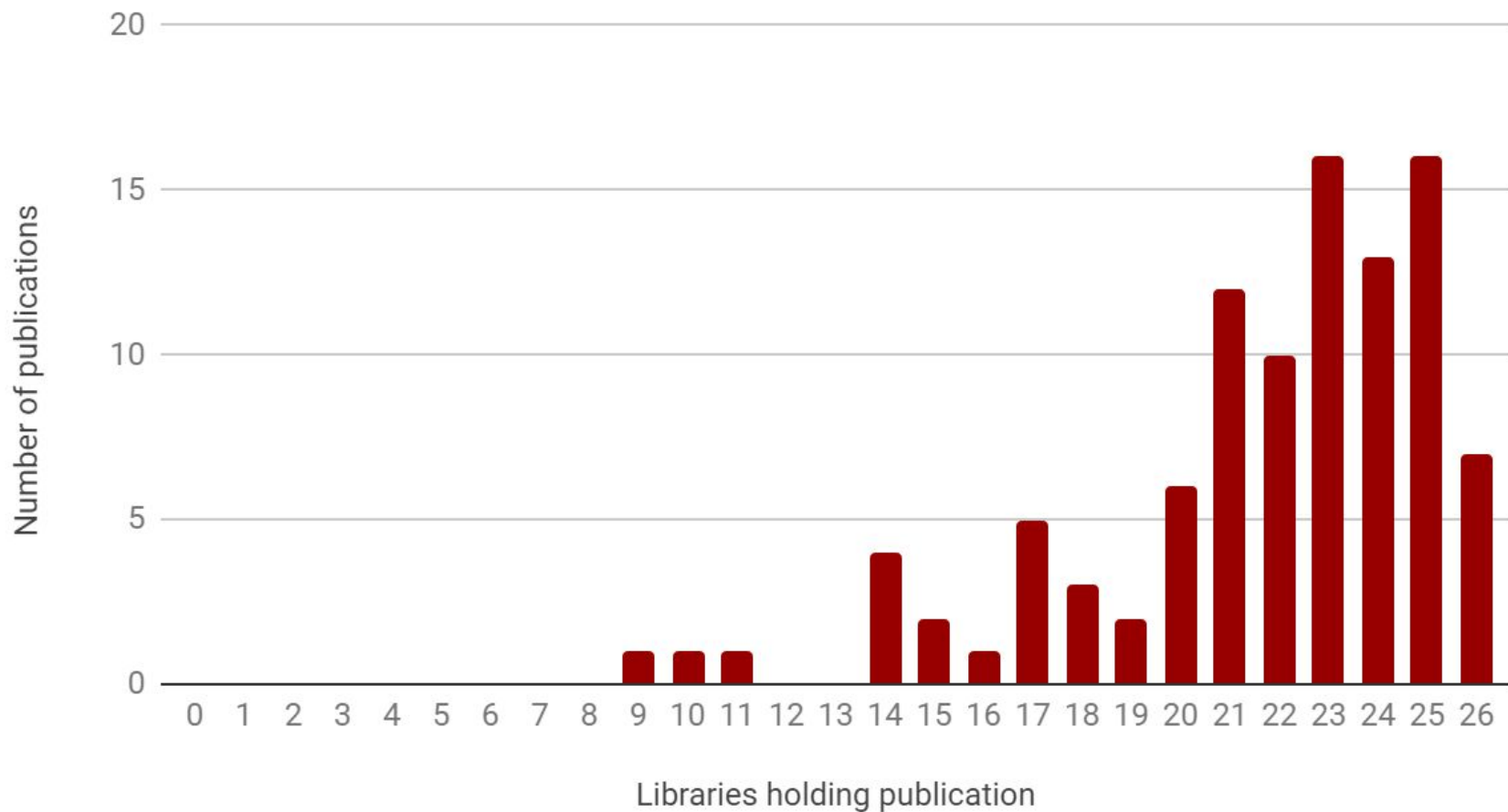
Proportion of Publications Found by Number of Libraries



Regional Averages



Number of Publications Held by Libraries



Dissemination

Where we are in our plan:

- Keep the community posted with progress
- Reach out to the community to seek feedback or input
- Disseminate findings through conference presentations
- Analyze data & write up results
- Ensure that outputs are available in open access formats

Keep the conversation going

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