

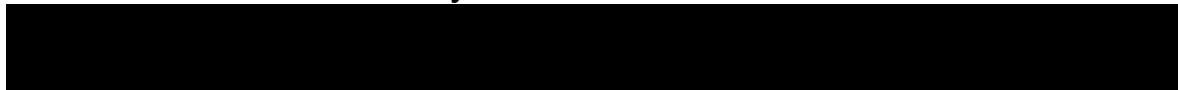


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→ Scholars Portal has a long tradition of collecting and preserving government information collections

in consultation with the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL) and in support of the OCUL Government Information Community digitization efforts

- Traditionally the content lives on Scholars Portal Books, a service that hosts content from scholarly publishers
- Scholars Portal has always helped its partners make content “loadable” and developed expertise in consolidating, manipulating and enriching metadata for government information content, even for really “hard cases” of records (e.g. bare bone and old records)
- The redesign of Scholars Portal Books in 2018 allowed Scholars Portal to move from MARC record to a markup metadata standard and develop its own metadata schema for best discoverability results of scholarly Ebooks
- Acknowledging that Ebooks are nothing like government information and a recent strategic focus on loading government information collections have created an opportunity to focus on metadata requirements for such collections

Members of the feedback group

- Frank van Kalmthout, Archives of Ontario
- Graeme Campbell, Queen’s University
- Hélène LeBlanc, Wilfrid Laurier University
- Martha Murphy, Ontario Workplace Tribunals Library
- Sandra Craig, Legislative Assembly of Ontario

- Simone O'Byrne, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Ravit H David, Scholars Portal, University of Toronto

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Year Limit: From To

Sort By: Relevance

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 Everything, including books...

Collection: All

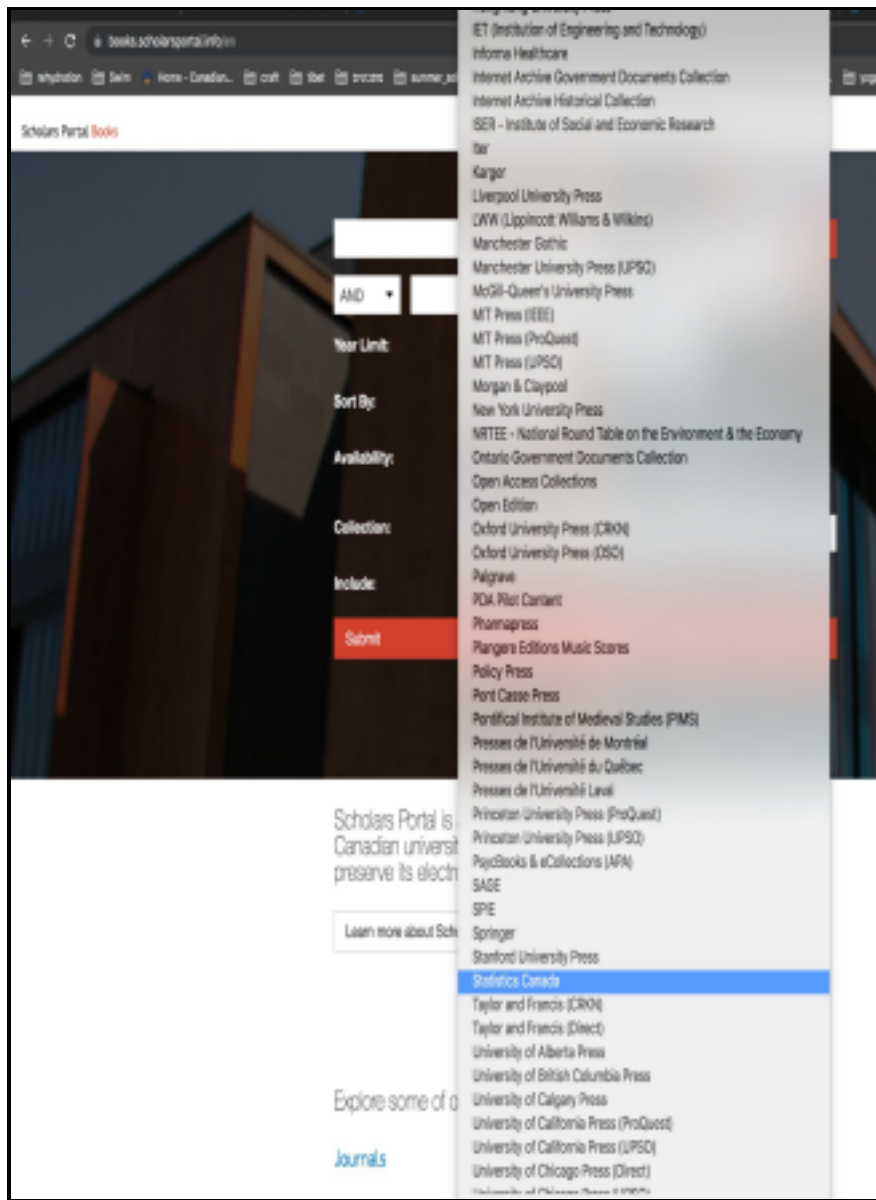
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Logbook

September 2020: A call for a

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Manipulating Existing Metadata

Date Metadata

- Important to be able to trace chronological history of government programs, policies, and legislation •
- Recommendation: include the ability to search date ranges more granularly and sort results chronologically in both orders: newest to oldest; and oldest to newest

Unique Identifiers Metadata

- Help to provide accurate and precise search results
- Currently we can search by ISBN and ISSN which are assigned to some government publications
- Other number and code fields could be useful too. For example
 - Government document classification numbers (086 MARC tag):
 - CA1 EXY191 1998 R21 (CODOC);
 - CS11-627/2021-80E-PDF (Catalogue number)
 - Library code (040 MARC tag)
 - CaOODSP; CaOTL

Adding Metadata to Enrich Descriptions and Discovery

Government Information Type Metadata

- Given the wide variety of government information it would be highly beneficial to be able to filter searches based on specific types of government publications
- We identified 15 terms to describe types of government document. For example:
 - Annual reports

- Budgets, Expenditure Estimates and Public Accounts
- Mandate letters
- News releases
- Policy or Discussion papers
- Strategic plans

The list of terms is not meant to be final and new terms can be added as needed

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Government Information Type Metadata

- These government information types are based on a list initially prepared by the Ontario Government Libraries Council Working Group on Government Publications in 2016 for describing types of information posted on Ontario.ca
- The list was developed in consultation with staff in ministry libraries and the Legislative Library who work daily with a wide variety of government publications
- The Ontario government decided, at the time, not to move forward with enhancing the search interface on Ontario.ca, so the metadata types were not implemented, but they

are valid terms that would improve search and discovery which is why we adapted them

CODOC Review!

- Used by some Canadian libraries to classify government documents ●
- Allows for intergovernmental and some nongovernmental organizations ●

Collocates documents by:

- Country/Organization
- Governments at different levels within countries
- Sub-organizations within governments/organizations

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CA = Canada

2 = Provincial/State

Government ON = Ontario

DT = Department of Transport / Ministry

of Transportation

ZZ OAS HU 89R27

ZZ = International Organizations OAS

= Organization of American States HU

= Inter-American Commission on

Human Rights

Organizational Author Attributes

- Type (of author organization):
 - Governmental, Intergovernmental, Nongovernmental

- **Level (of government):**
 - Country, Province/State/Sub-national, Municipal, None
- **Jurisdiction:**
 - Geographic scope of the organization, e.g. Frontenac County (Ontario, Canada); New Hampshire (USA); International
 - Publisher location doesn't carry the same meaning

Benefits:

- Allows more consistent/powerful filtering of search results by organization
 - e.g. limit a search to only municipal governments in Saskatchewan and Manitoba
- Easy to add when importing a batch of content from the same organization
- Any associated CODOC numbers could be used to pre-populate these fields

Key Takeaways

1. The group proposes enhancements to the metadata used in Scholars Portal Books in order to better meet the needs of government information users.

2. These enhancements include manipulating existing metadata more effectively and adding and indexing new bibliographic fields to improve the search experience for government information while using the Scholars Portal Books interface.

3. This work could serve as a good preliminary base for future metadata discussions when considering infrastructure development and future digitization projects.

Thank you!

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