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Library Publishing Coalition Launches

Library-driven organization promotes publishing services in academic and research libraries

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July 1 — The Library Publishing Coalition (LPC) formally launches today as an independent, community-led membership association after an eighteen month start-up period. The LPC supports an evolving, distributed range of publishing practices and furthers the interests of library publishers. It promotes collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and networking among libraries and between libraries and other publishers, especially university presses.

Dr. Martin Halbert, Dean of Libraries at the University of North Texas described the significance of the LPC for the profession. “As the landscape of scholarly communication continues to evolve there is an increasingly important need for library and publishing operations to be aligned and integrated. The Library Publishing Coalition provides an important forum for collaboration and information sharing between institutions interested in this critically important arena.”

Academic and research libraries in the US and Canada are invited to join this active and growing organization, which offers opportunities for engagement with like-minded colleagues and entry into a national conversation around this emerging field. Other member benefits will include:

- Voting rights, including the opportunity to vote in LPC Board elections
- Opportunities to serve on committees, working groups, and the LPC Board
- Opportunities to participate in professional development and training
- Access to publications and resources compiled, hosted, and created by the LPC
- Access to member-only email announcement and discussion lists
- Special registration rates for Library Publishing Coalition events

Over the last 18 months, the LPC operated as a seed-funded project while it established its governance, produced several deliverables, and built relationships with other organizations in the library and publishing fields. During this time, the LPC also held a well-attended two-day conference (the Library Publishing Forum), published the first edition of the [Library Publishing Directory](#), developed a research agenda for the library publishing community, and raised awareness through numerous publications and presentations.

The LPC will operate as an affiliated community of the Educopia Institute, a non-profit organization that advances cultural, scientific, and scholarly institutions by catalyzing networks and collaborative communities to facilitate collective impact. Learn more about LPC and its growing network of libraries at www.librarypublishing.org.

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