

Introducing the CGI-PLN: Using the LOCKSS Program to Preserve DSP Content in a Changing Environment

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Snapshot: AGIIG CLA 2012

What we knew:

- move to digital government publications, no print via DSP
- no LAC web archiving programs (available to the public)
- no comprehensive, national digital preservation planning (people were talking about portals, not preservation)
- web content disappearing from government sites (all levels)
- timeline: “Why is this link dead? Aren’t government publications all online?” *Access 2013*. <http://hdl.handle.net/10402/era.34040>



Snapshot: Fall 2012

What we had:

- group of librarians who needed long-term access to government publications in order to serve their communities of users
- Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries (COPPUL) members with LOCKSS experience and partner status
- Digital Preservation Officer (UofA)
- DSP managers committed to stewardship and willing to work with us
- LOCKSS US-Docs membership (UofA, now SFU as well)
- LOCKSS encouragement and support

LOCKSS Program Basics

LOCKSS = Lots of Copies Keeps Stuff Safe

- tamper evident, distributed preservation system
- based at Stanford: <http://www.lockss.org/>

Five Principles

1. libraries have local control of assets
2. perpetual access is guaranteed
3. preserve original version
4. decentralized, distributed preservation
5. affordable



“LOCKSS US-Docs”

Digital Federal Depository Library Program

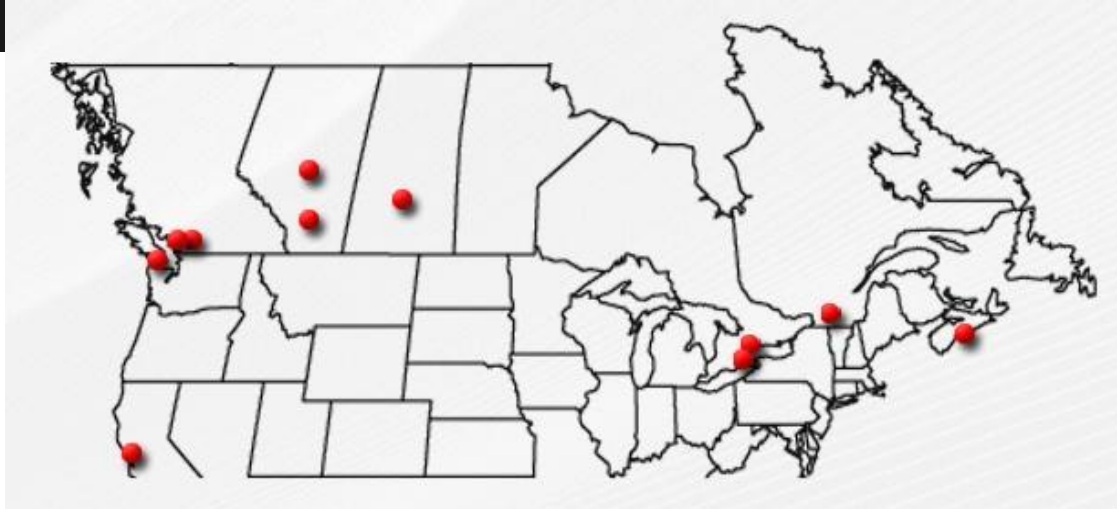
- replicates Federal Depository Library Program in the digital environment
- 36 partner libraries, including US GPO
- FDsys (Federal Digital System) content

CGI-PLN

Canadian Government Information Private LOCKSS Network (CGI-PLN)

- driven by need for digital preservation
- new solution to old problems: stewardship and preservation
- emulates print depository structure
- DSP e-archive content

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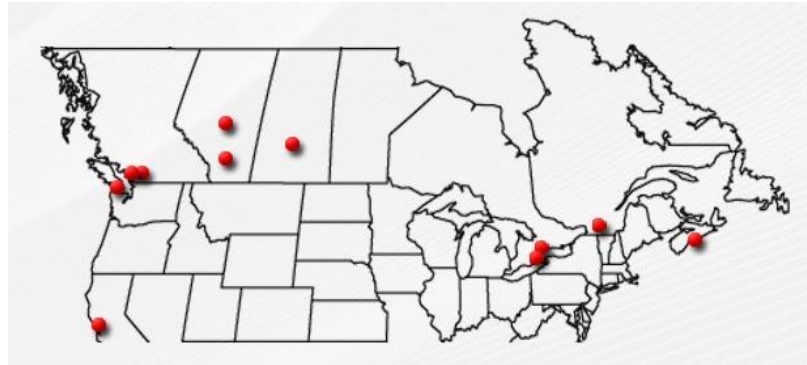
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Policies

- Governance
- Collection and Access

Committees

- Steering
- Technical

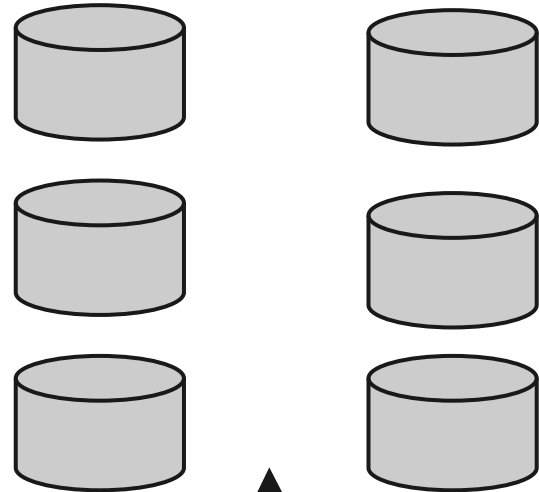


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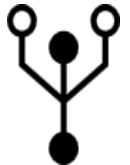
Archive-It Plug-In

LOCKSS PLN

The screenshot shows the Archive-It interface for the 'Government of Canada Publications' collection. It includes a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'EXPLORE', 'LEARN MORE', and 'CONTACT US'. The main content area displays the collection title, 'Collected by: Canada Government Documents', and 'Archived since: Feb, 2013'. Below this is a search section with the heading 'Narrow Your Results' and a search box containing 'Enter search terms here'. The search results are displayed on 'Page 1 of 1,115 (111,487 Total Results)'. The results list several PDF documents with their URLs and capture dates, such as 'http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2010/statcan/51-008-X/51-008-x2010007-fra.pdf'.



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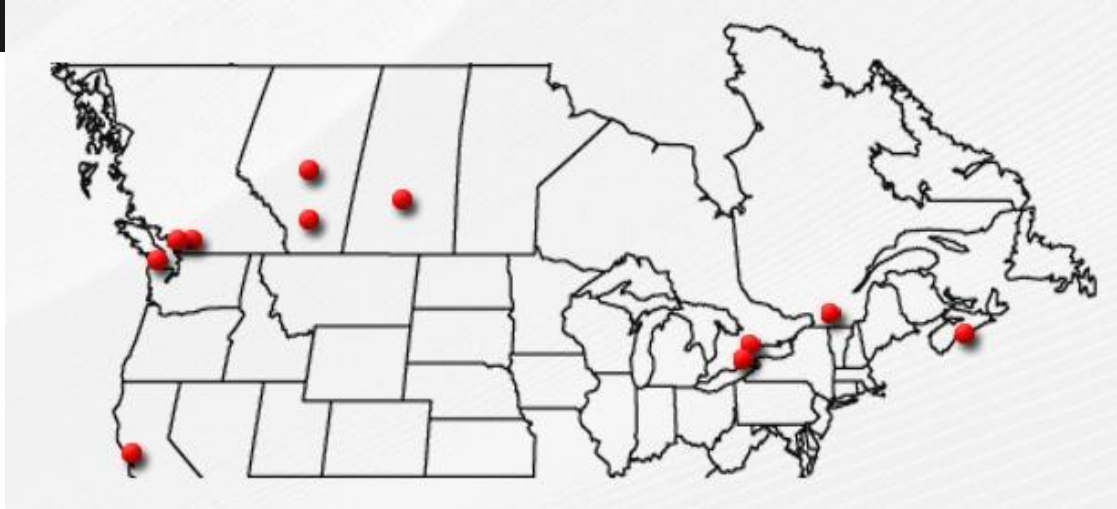


Moving Forward

- continue adding DSP content
- special projects (e.g., MARC records?)
- other collections?
 - provincial? municipal? IGO?
 - LAC WARC files of GoC web harvests?
 - coordination of web harvesting (via COPPUL negotiated Archive-IT contracts)
- **new members** (contact amanda.wakaruk@ualberta.ca)



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Questions?

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