

LIBRARY PUBLISHING COALITION

ANNUAL REPORT
2025 – 2026



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

During the 2025–2026 program year, libraries and higher education have continued to face a challenging sociopolitical climate. Amid challenges to funding, academic freedom, and the values that guide our work, the Library Publishing Coalition has remained committed to supporting our community and upholding those values.

This year also brought a renewed emphasis on advocacy. Alongside our Library Publishing Creates campaign, the Advocacy Working Group of University-Based Publishing Futures released an Advocacy Toolkit to help libraries and university presses articulate their value to campus stakeholders. In partnership with AUPresses, we also co-hosted *Responding to Universities in Crisis: A Summit for University-Based Publishing* at the University of Washington in Seattle, immediately preceding our in-person Library Publishing Forum.

We are also working to ensure that library publishers are represented in conversations about the future of scholarly communication, particularly around diamond open access. Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to attend the Third Global Summit on Diamond Open Access Publishing in Bangalore, India, where I connected with colleagues from around the world who share our commitment to expanding access to scholarly publishing for readers and authors alike. In the coming year, the LPC Board will continue to explore ways we can engage with the broader scholarly communication community on diamond open access and related issues.

I want to thank LPC staff, volunteers, and my fellow Board members for their many contributions over the past year. Their work continues to strengthen our community and advance our shared mission. I also want to especially acknowledge Nancy Adams, our invaluable Program Assistant, who is retiring this year. Nancy's dedication and service have had a lasting impact on LPC, and she will be greatly missed.

Harrison W. Inefuku

Board President, 2025 – 2026



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

LIBRARY PUBLISHING CREATES & SHOWCASE WEEK

To support advocacy efforts by community members, LPC launched Library Publishing Creates. It is a [standalone campaign website](#) that communicates the value of library publishing and provides libraries with advocacy tools.

The Library Publishing Creates site also hosted the content for our first ever [Library Publishing Showcase Week](#) in February 2026. Planned by a Showcase Week Task Force, showcase week highlighted the accomplishments of 19 LPC member institutions through 27 different blog posts released throughout the week. The posts were categorized by the Library Publishing Creates themes: Impact, Learning Opportunities, Cost Savings, and Responsive Services. The task force did impressive work in pulling together this program in only 6 months and is planning to build on its success in 2027.

PRESERVATION QUICK GUIDES

In September 2025, the Preservation Working Group released a new [digital preservation resources](#) page on the LPC website with four quick guides for library publishing programs looking to take initial steps in preserving their digital publications. The guides are platform-agnostic and can be implemented step-by-step or as their own one off. They cover topics including Creating a Preservation Inventory, Understanding the Preservation Landscape, Starting a Preservation Policy for Your Publishing Program, and Scope. The goal of these initial guides and future resources is for programs of any size to improve their preservation practices for their digital publications.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)

AI EDITORIAL POLICY GUIDE

This past year, the LPC Professional Development Committee hosted a webinar on AI Policies with guest speakers from Ubiquity Press (Imogen Clarke) and In the Library with the Lead Pipe (Ryan Randall and Brittany Paloma Fiedler) where they discussed the creation of AI policies for journals. Following the webinar, the committee developed an [AI Editorial Policy Guide](#) to help publishing programs and journal editors create AI policies. The guide includes sections on policy development and maintenance, elements of an AI editorial policy, selected examples, and further resources.

STAFFING SURVEY REPORT

In the summer of 2025, the LPC Staffing Survey Task Force conducted a survey of library publishing programs to develop a deeper understanding of both how programs are staffed and by whom. In May 2026, the task force released their report from the survey, [Powered by People: Staffing and Capacity in Library Publishing Programs](#). The report outlines the results from the survey and identifies some common practices, pain points, and future needs. The report also offers a discussion on the alignment between output expectations and institutional support of publishing programs as well as the intentionality of staffing changes and subsequent outcomes. Following the release of the report, the task force held a community webinar to discuss the results, processes, and takeaways from the survey in June 2025 and presented on the report at the Library Publishing Forum in Seattle.



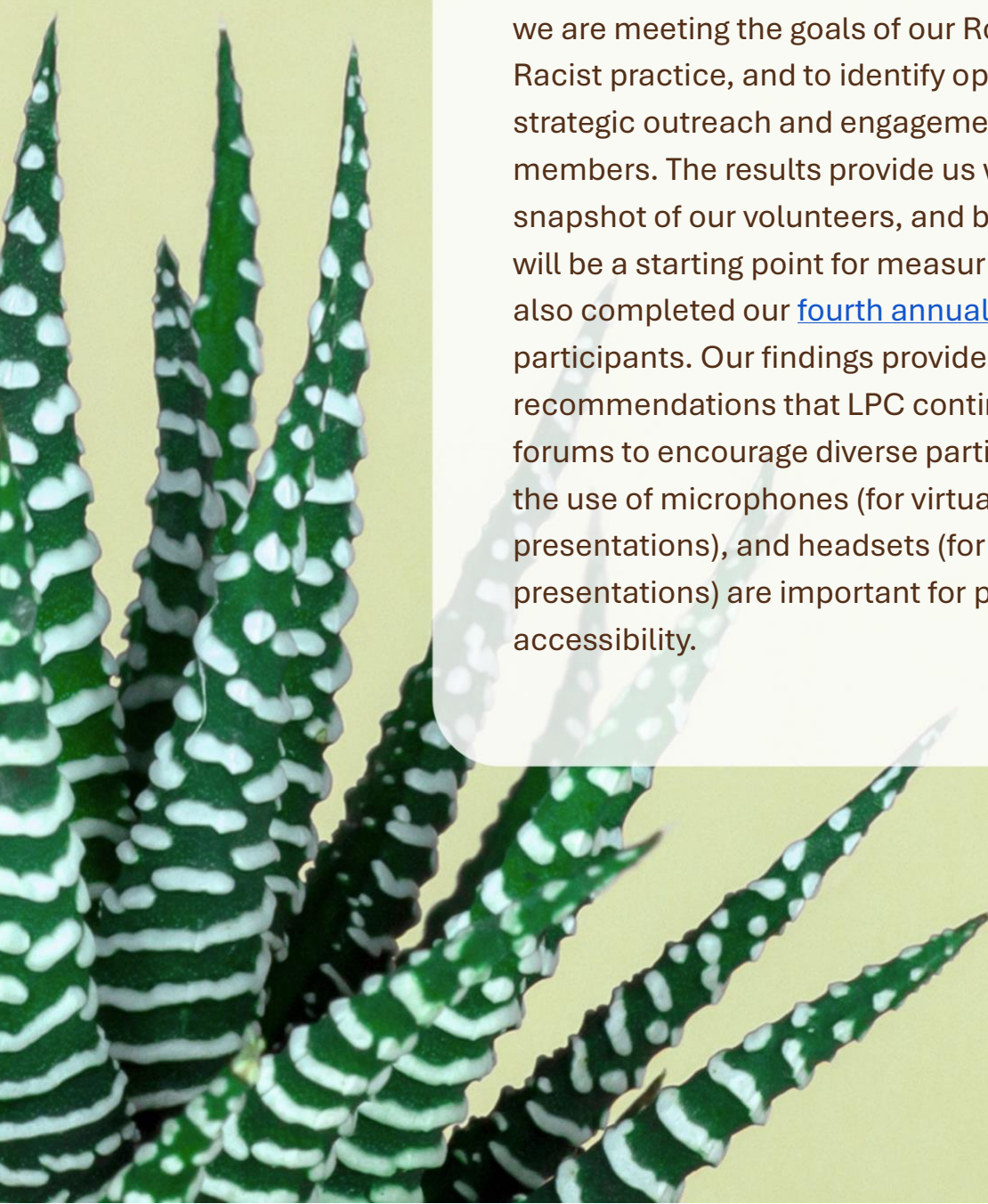
INCLUSION

With the support and leadership of its Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Committee, the LPC built on momentum from previous program years to extend our understanding of our members and seek ways to better support them. We experimented with some new community events, including an accessibility co-working hour, as well as an antiracism community call that introduced members to the Social Change Ecosystem Framework. We also completed a timely update to the LPC Code of Conduct, and published a second round of platform [accessibility investigations](#).

MAKING OUR CONTENT MORE ACCESSIBLE

This year, LPC dedicated resources to making our own content more accessible for all of our members. The [first issue](#) of the new MOSAIC quarterly update newsletter focused on accessibility and provided a roundup of the work done by LPC to date to support Library Publishing practitioners in meeting the new Title II compliance requirements, as well as resources available through the LPC and our strategic affiliates. We also undertook some much-needed housekeeping to make accessibility improvements to the LPC website. We carried out an assessment of the site using [WAVE](#), and resolved a number of issues such as missing ALT text, skipped headlines, responsive design, text wrapping, and color contrast. We're committed to ensuring that new publications have accessible PDF versions. We also now conduct an accessibility check for every new blog post and page before publication and will continue to assess the website with accessibility software every 6 months to ensure we are able to quickly catch any issues that may crop up.





INCLUSION (cont.)

VOLUNTEER DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY (AND CONTINUED FORUM DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY)

This year, for the first time, the DEIA Committee conducted a [demographic survey of our community volunteers](#), in an effort to better understand how well we are meeting the goals of our Roadmap for Anti-Racist practice, and to identify opportunities for more strategic outreach and engagement with our members. The results provide us with a valuable snapshot of our volunteers, and baseline data that will be a starting point for measuring progress. We also completed our [fourth annual survey](#) of Forum participants. Our findings provide evidence to support recommendations that LPC continue offering virtual forums to encourage diverse participation and that the use of microphones (for virtual and in-person presentations), and headsets (for virtual presentations) are important for presentation accessibility.

EXTENDED NETWORK

LPC is embedded in an extended network of organizations and communities, with whom we cultivate a wide range of relationships. Some of those relationships (like memberships) are financial, some are not. Some are formal (like our Strategic Affiliates program), some are not. But all of these relationships benefit our community and advance our vision of an open, inclusive, and sustainable scholarly publishing landscape.

Membership:

Libraries (and consortia) doing publishing

(see a list of LPC members on pages 11–12)



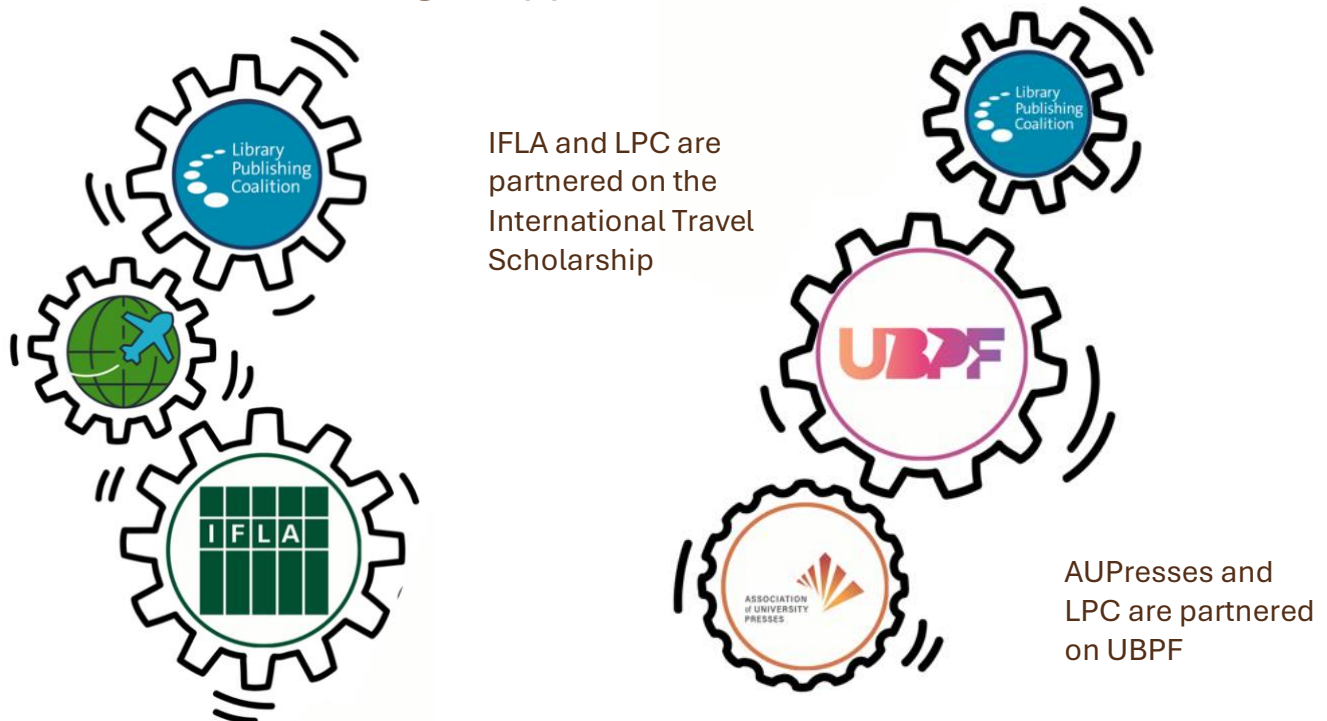
Meta-Communities:

LPC membership in other organizations



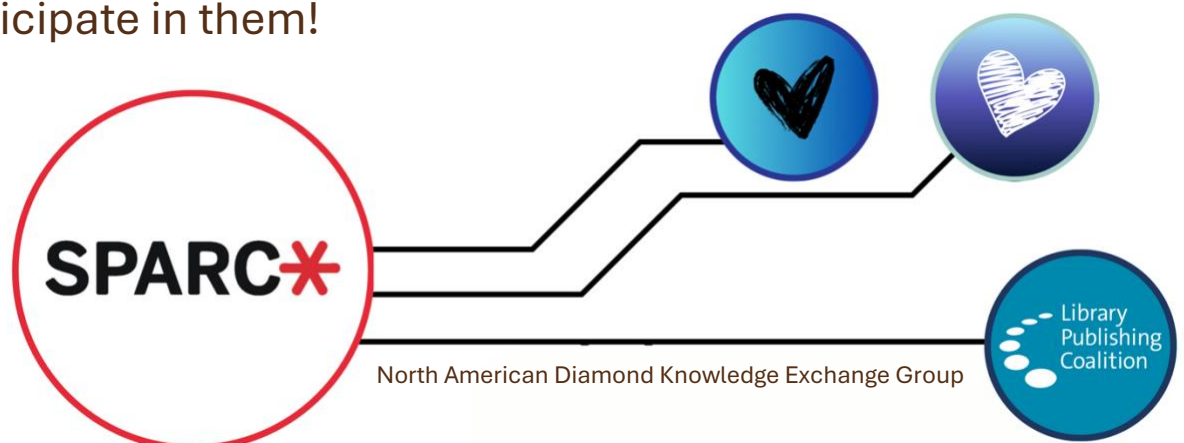
Joint Projects:

LPC joins up with other communities to make cool things happen



Informal Knowledge Exchange Groups:

We participate in them!



Peer Membership Communities:

Participation in our Strategic Affiliates Program



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

LPC's budget is a community asset funded primarily by membership dues and allocated by the Board in alignment with our strategic goals. **In FY25 (January–December 2025), LPC's expenses were \$180,656 and revenue was \$226,597, resulting in a surplus of \$45,941.** Because the Library Publishing Forum was virtual in 2025, overall Forum expenses were much lower than in-person years, coming in at \$3,542 (compared to \$9375 in revenue). A virtual Forum also means we didn't give out travel awards, which come out of our 'committee funding' bucket. We did not produce a Library Publishing Directory this year, as it is now published biennially, which helps contain costs. We expect 2026 finances to look very different!

As is the case every year, our largest expense was compensation for LPC staff. The budget funded two new contractors this year, Maggie Rosenau (who started work for communications in spring 2025) and Cheryl Ball (who started work on the Library Publishing Forum in fall 2025). Another significant expense was our fiscal hosting fee from Educopia, at \$48,843. Educopia provides accounting, HR, and legal support for LPC.

Our operating reserve remains healthy at \$373,668, demonstrating the strength and resilience of our organization's finances. As a result, we made the decision to freeze membership dues for FY26 so as to not add additional burden to our community at a time when we know library budgets are already being squeezed.



MEMBERS

We welcome as members academic and research libraries and library consortia that have or are considering library publishing programs. Our members in 2025–2026:

- Adelphi University
- Atlanta University Center
- Boston College
- Brown University
- California Digital Library
- Carnegie Mellon University
- City University of New York (CUNY)
- Claremont Colleges Library
- Columbia University
- Dartmouth College
- Florida State University
- George Mason University
- Grand Valley State University
- Indiana University
- Indiana University Indianapolis
- Iowa State University
- James Madison University
- Kansas State University
- Library of Congress
- McGill University
- McMaster University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Missouri State University
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University
- Oregon State University
- Penn State University
- Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALNI)
- Purdue University
- Rice University
- Rutgers University
- Simon Fraser University
- Stanford University
- SUNY Geneseo
- Sweet Briar College
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- Tufts University
- Tulane University
- University at Buffalo, State University of New York
- University College London Libraries & UCL Press
- University of Alberta
- University of Arizona
- University of Arkansas
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Delaware
- University of Florida
- University of Georgia
- University of Guelph
- University of Houston
- University of Idaho
- University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of Louisville Libraries
- University of Maryland
- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor



MEMBERS (cont.)

- University of Minnesota
- University of New Brunswick
- University of North Texas
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Ottawa
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Saskatchewan
- University of South Florida
- University of Tennessee
- University of Texas at Arlington
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- University of Western Ontario
- University of Wisconsin Madison
- Villanova University
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Tech
- Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA)
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wayne State University
- Weill Cornell Medicine—Qatar
- West Virginia University
- William and Mary

ABOUT LIBRARY PUBLISHING & THE LPC

The Library Publishing Coalition (LPC) is an independent community-led membership association of academic and research libraries and library consortia committed to enhancing, promoting, and exploring the field of library publishing. LPC's vision is that of a scholarly publishing landscape that is open, inclusive, and sustainable and it strives to extend the impact and sustainability of library publishing and open scholarship by providing a professional forum for developing best practices and shared expertise. LPC supports the work of its members and strengthens the library publishing community at large through our community initiatives, strategic partnerships, and professional development opportunities.

You can learn more about the work that we do to benefit library-led, non-commercial publishing efforts on our website:

<https://librarypublishing.org/>.

