



KEEP@DOWNSVIEW

Keep@Downsview PAN Update

June 2026

[Keep@Downsview](#) (K@D) is a partnership between the University of Toronto, the University of Ottawa, Western University, McMaster University, Queen's University and Memorial University of Newfoundland designed to preserve and provide access to low-use print materials. This shared collection of single copy low-use material is stored in a purpose-built, high-density preservation facility located at the University of Toronto's Downsview Campus in North Toronto. All content within the shared collection is accessible through established resource sharing networks.

New membership pilot model

In 2026/2027, K@D is [piloting a new Share-only partnership model](#) with York University Libraries. Under this agreement, York University Libraries will work with the University of Toronto Libraries to identify titles in York's collection that are also held at the UTL@Downsview high-density preservation facility, that they can share. This will enable shared stewardship of low-use material to ensure long-term access and preservation. The pilot will be assessed to determine the feasibility of expanding this model to include other institutions.

Collection analysis

In 2025, Keep@Downsview libraries joined the Rialto Collection Development Workflows (CDW) Early Adopter Program, working directly with Clarivate to help shape the tool as it is being developed. Rather than adopting a finished product, K@D is actively identifying gaps and ensuring that shared print requirements are built into the development process from the beginning. This includes advocating for functionality critical to shared print work, such as cross-institutional overlap analysis, deduplication to support transfers to Downsview, and support for multi-volume sets and serials. Keep@Downsview's participation ensures

that as the Collection Development Workflows evolve, the needs of shared print programs are considered from the ground up.

Planned projects for 2026

The K@D Steering Committee approved several new initiatives for the year. We have added sustainability as a strategic direction to better articulate how shared stewardship reduces duplication, optimizes space and resource use, and lowers environmental costs. We are also working on a digitization strategy for the partnership. Motivated by UTL@Downsview starting to digitize its collection with the Internet Archive, K@D will explore the current landscape for digitization within shared print programs, and other relevant organizations to develop a collaborative approach to digitization. Finally, building on our Chair Liz Hayden's [Communication in Shared Print at Academic Libraries: Report of Findings](#), we're developing a communication plan, to strengthen awareness and integration of shared print within our membership.

Communication and engagement

Over the last year, Keep@Downsview has hosted a variety of webinars and learning opportunities for members. In June, we hosted our annual member webinar, which included updates on the partnership and lighting talks from members on their current K@D transfer projects. We also offered a Shared Print 101 session for those who may be new to their roles, or wanting to learn more about K@D. In the fall of 2025, we also offered a session on Generative AI and copyright and a workshop on using KNIME for collection analysis.

K@D also participated in a panel presentation of Canadian Shared Print programs at the Ontario Library Association's annual Superconference called "Networks of Trust: Institutional Interoperability through Shared Print Programs."

Staff changes

Keep@Downsview said goodbye to Louise White, our Project Manager, and Coordinating Committee representative for Memorial University of Newfoundland, who recently retired. Louise was a champion of shared print who was instrumental in bringing Memorial University on as K@D's first associate member. Louise was also active in the Canadian shared print community through her contributions to North/Nord.

We welcomed our new Project Manager, Kyla Everall in June 2025. Based at the University of Toronto, Kyla is also the Coordinator for the UTL@Downsview high-density preservation facility.

We have a busy year planned and look forward to sharing our progress for the next PAN forum update

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