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ABSTRACT: Communities are infrastructure: Supporting Canada's library publishers

In October 2022, the Library Publishing Coalition struck a Canadian Community Development Working Group (CCDWG). Initiated by Canadian LPC members, the working group was tasked to engage Canadian scholarly communications stakeholders to explore strategies for developing a stronger Canadian library publisher community. Érudit and the Public Knowledge Project have a long history of supporting libraries and publishing in Canada and have very much shaped the current landscape of independent scholarly publishing in the national context. Together as Coalition Publica they support the social sciences and humanities journal community by developing and coordinating an open and sustainable national infrastructure. Library publishers are an important piece of this national infrastructure.

This session will shed light on how Coalition Publica and the LPC Canadian Community Development Working Group are tackling community development work in Canada to support sustainable open access publishing in a bilingual context. The

presenters will highlight the needs and priorities of the library publishing community and demonstrate how multiple stakeholders can work together to achieve common goals.