

# Library and Archives Canada: Current directions

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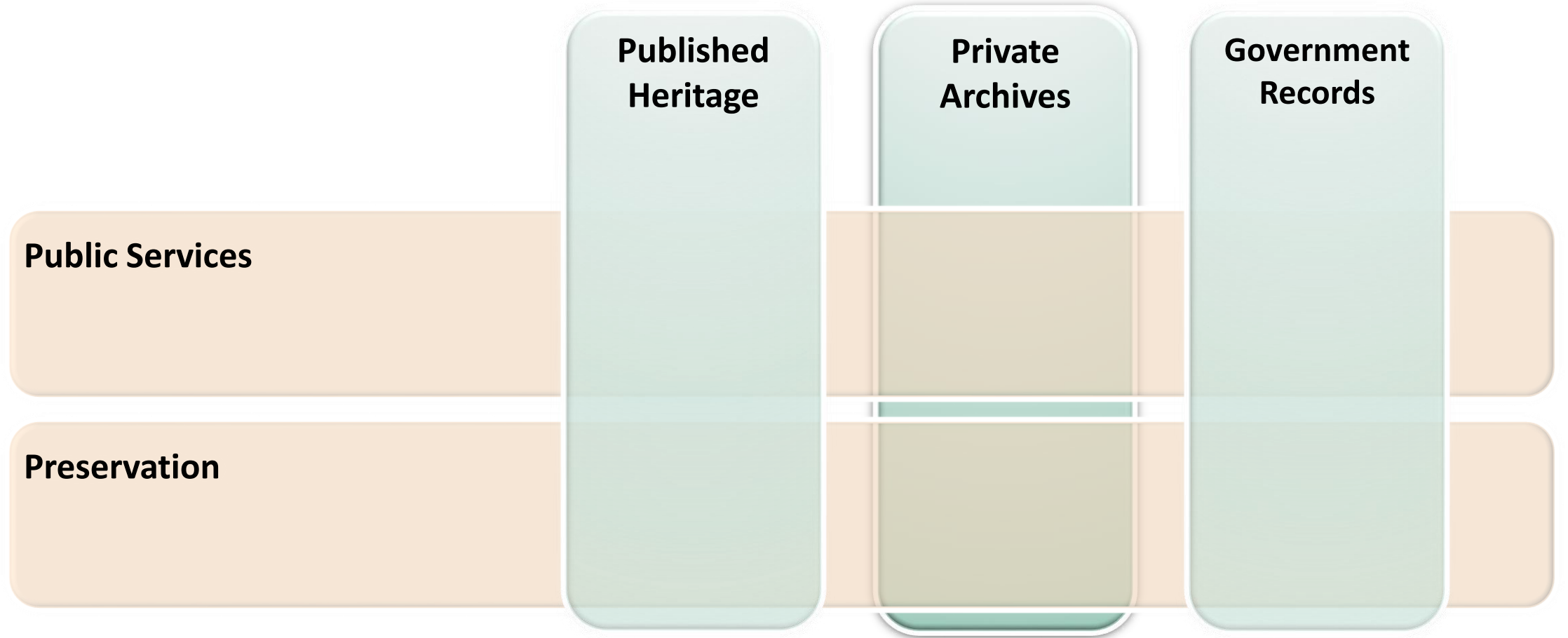
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# Four commitments

- LAC is an institution dedicated to **serving all its clients**, including government, donors, universities, researchers, students, librarians, archivists, genealogists and the general public;
- LAC must **work at the leading edge** of archival and library science and new technologies, drawing on the strength of all its staff;
- LAC must be **proactively engaged** with national and international networks in an open and inclusive way;
- LAC must be an institution with greater **public visibility**, highlighting the value of its collection and services.

# LAC Operations Sector (April 2016)



# Collaboration

## Services Advisory Committee

Informs direction and priorities for public services, digitization, exhibition plans, and major projects



Services Advisory Committee, Dec 2016



Acquisitions  
Advisory  
Committee,  
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## Acquisitions Advisory Committee

Informs LAC's acquisitions strategies for published material, private archives, government records and web harvesting

# National presence

LAC is exploring partnership arrangements with institutions in Vancouver and Halifax to offer:

- Expanded in-person reference services for clients;
- Enhanced digital access and content delivery;
- Exhibitions of national scope;
- Focused outreach activities;
- Knowledge sharing, joint networking and communications.

# Collaboration with Ottawa Public Library

LAC and OPL will consider the terms of a partnership that would see some LAC activities and services moved to a shared facility.

- The joint Project Steering Committee will bring forward a report in July 2016 with recommendations and next steps.
- OPL plans to open its new Central Library in 2020.

# Digitization



## Spotlight: Canadian Expeditionary Force Service Files

More than 640,000 service files, or:

16 million pages

32 million images

617 TB of scanned information

# Theses Canada Program

- All-digital acquisition model since 2014;
- Shifting from licenced model to agreements with individual universities, with 44 signed agreements to date;
- Theses Canada Portal averages 10,000 visits/month, with over 600,000 downloads in 2014-15.



The screenshot shows the Theses Canada Portal website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Government of Canada logo and text in English and French. Below this is the Library and Archives Canada logo and a search bar. The main content area features a navigation menu with options like 'Discover the Collection', 'Online Research', 'Copies & Visiting', and 'Services and programs'. The 'Services and programs' menu is expanded, showing 'Home', 'Services and Programs', and 'Theses Canada'. The 'Theses Canada' section is highlighted, and the main content area displays a 'Welcome to the Theses Canada Portal' message. The message states that Theses Canada was launched in 1965 and is a collaborative program between Library and Archives Canada (LAC) and nearly 70 universities. It lists three goals: to acquire and preserve theses and dissertations, to provide free access to Canadian electronic theses and dissertations, and to facilitate access to non-digital theses and dissertations.

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**Theses Canada**

- Obtain a Thesis or Dissertation
- Basic Search
- Advanced Search

**Welcome to the Theses Canada Portal**

Theses Canada, launched in 1965 at the request of the deans of Canadian graduate schools, is a collaborative program between Library and Archives Canada (LAC) and nearly 70 universities accredited by [Universities Canada](#). It strives to:

- acquire and preserve theses and dissertations from participating universities
- provide free access to Canadian electronic theses and dissertations in the collection
- facilitate access to non-digital theses and dissertations in the collection.



# Loans to Other Institutions

- This service enables libraries in Canada to borrow published material when the material is available **only** in LAC's holdings.
- The service will be expanding: Stay tuned for an announcement in the spring of 2016 regarding newspapers on microfilm.

# AMICUS and beyond

- LAC and Public Services and Procurement Canada continue to negotiate with OCLC; we expect a signed contract in the spring of 2016.
- Stay tuned for town halls in major public libraries: Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver.

# Support to federal libraries

LAC continues to support federal libraries by:

- Partnering in IM and collection development challenges;
- Liaising with Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat;
- Organizing professional development and information sharing;
- Engaging with Canadian Federal Libraries Strategic Network;
- Supporting a Federal Science Library Initiative.

# We're back!

And we're looking to the future.



# Questions?

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