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Exploring the Value of Canada's Library Publishers

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Canada's library publishing scene

What other **publishers** think we do

What **my mom** thinks we do

What **we** think we do

What we **actually** do

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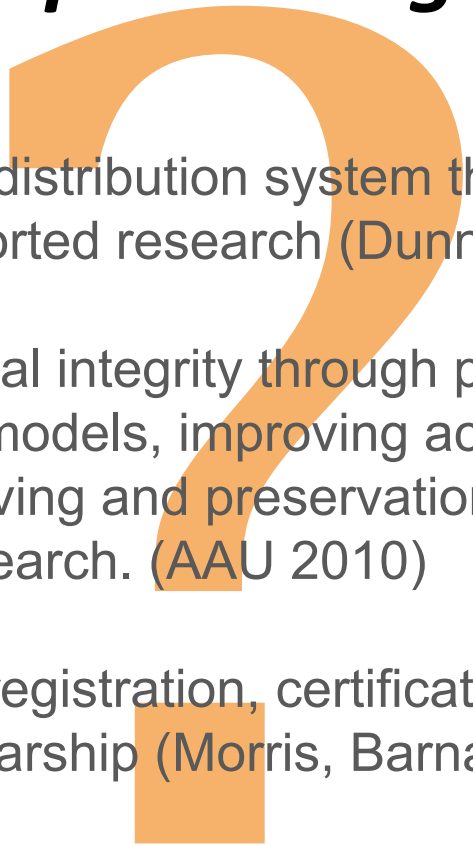
Strategy

1. Identify **all the Canadian scholarly journals** being produced by Canadian publishers

2. Identify which of those journals are **supported by library journal hosting / publishing programs**

3. **Compare the publishing services** offered by library programs to those offered by other kinds of publishers

What IS journal *publishing*?



- **Is a:** production and distribution system that permits the widespread dissemination of reported research (Dunn & Shepherd 1991)

- **Principles of:** editorial integrity through peer review, creation of adaptable business models, improving accessibility and functionality of publications, archiving and preservation work, and promotion of creative reuse of research. (AAU 2010)

- **Key functions are:** registration, certification, dissemination, and preservation of scholarship (Morris, Barnas, LaFrenier, & Reich 2013)

How many Canadian journals are being published?

1,000 (-ish) ...

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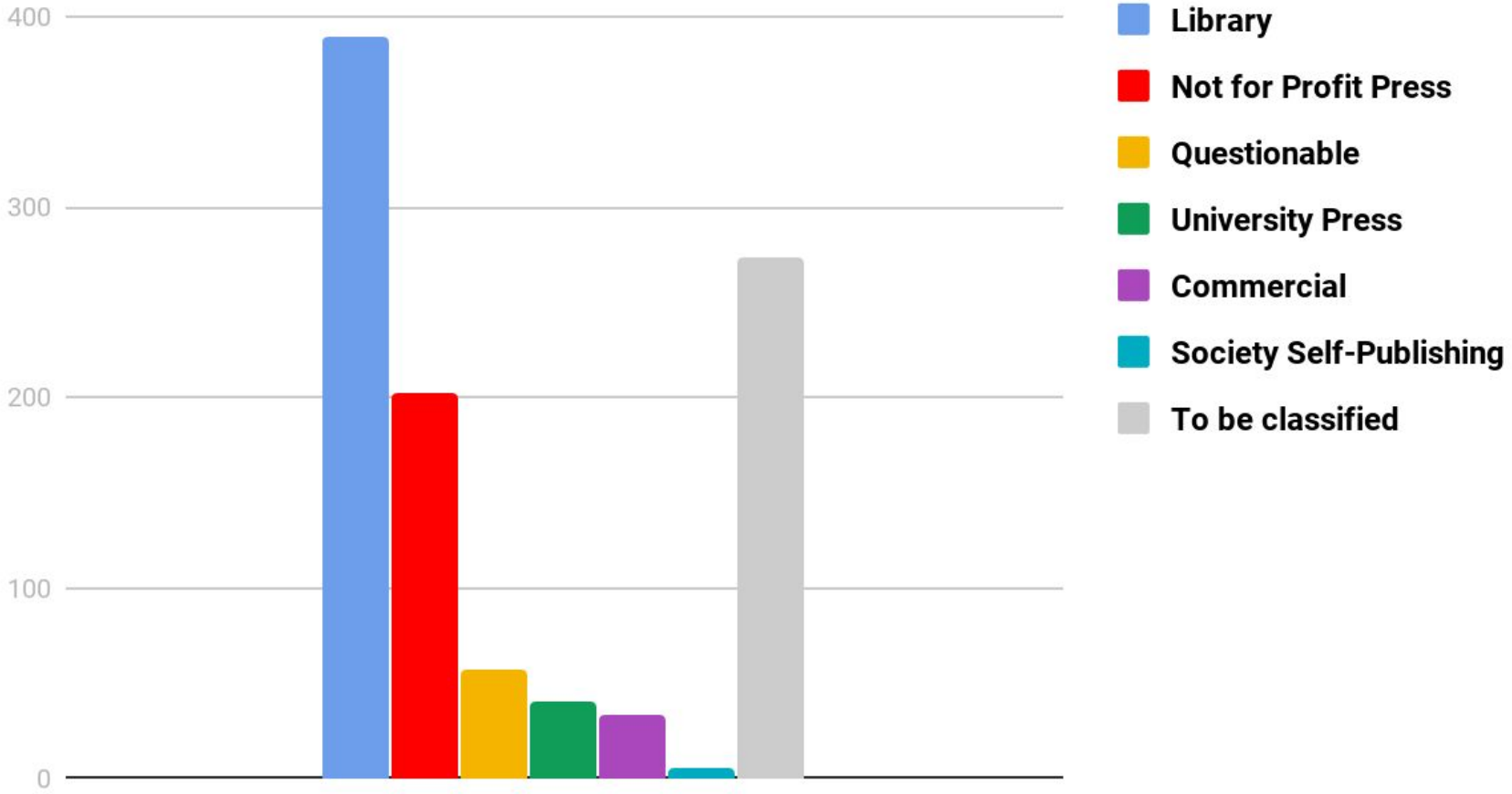
Number of journals by type of publishers



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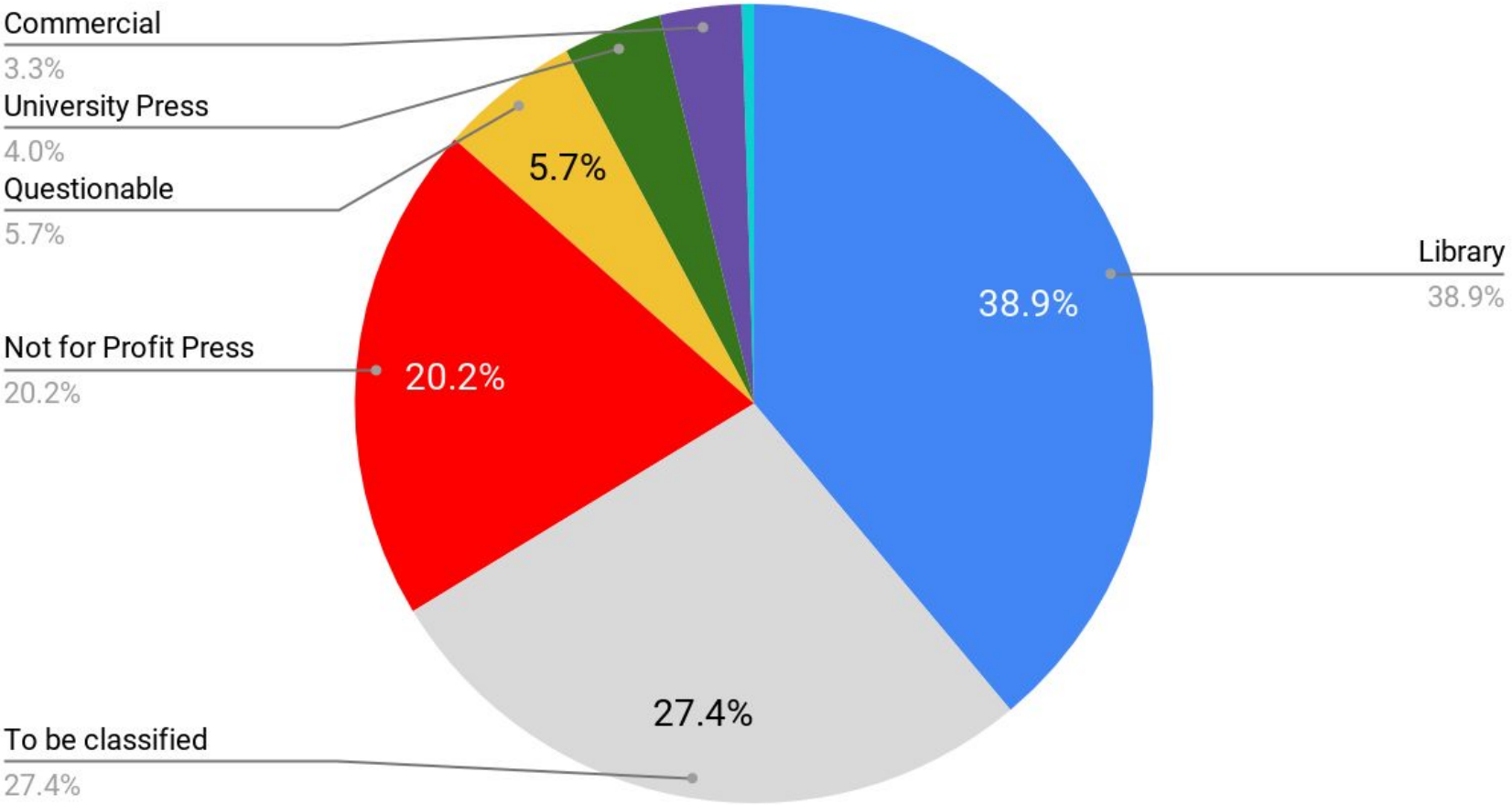
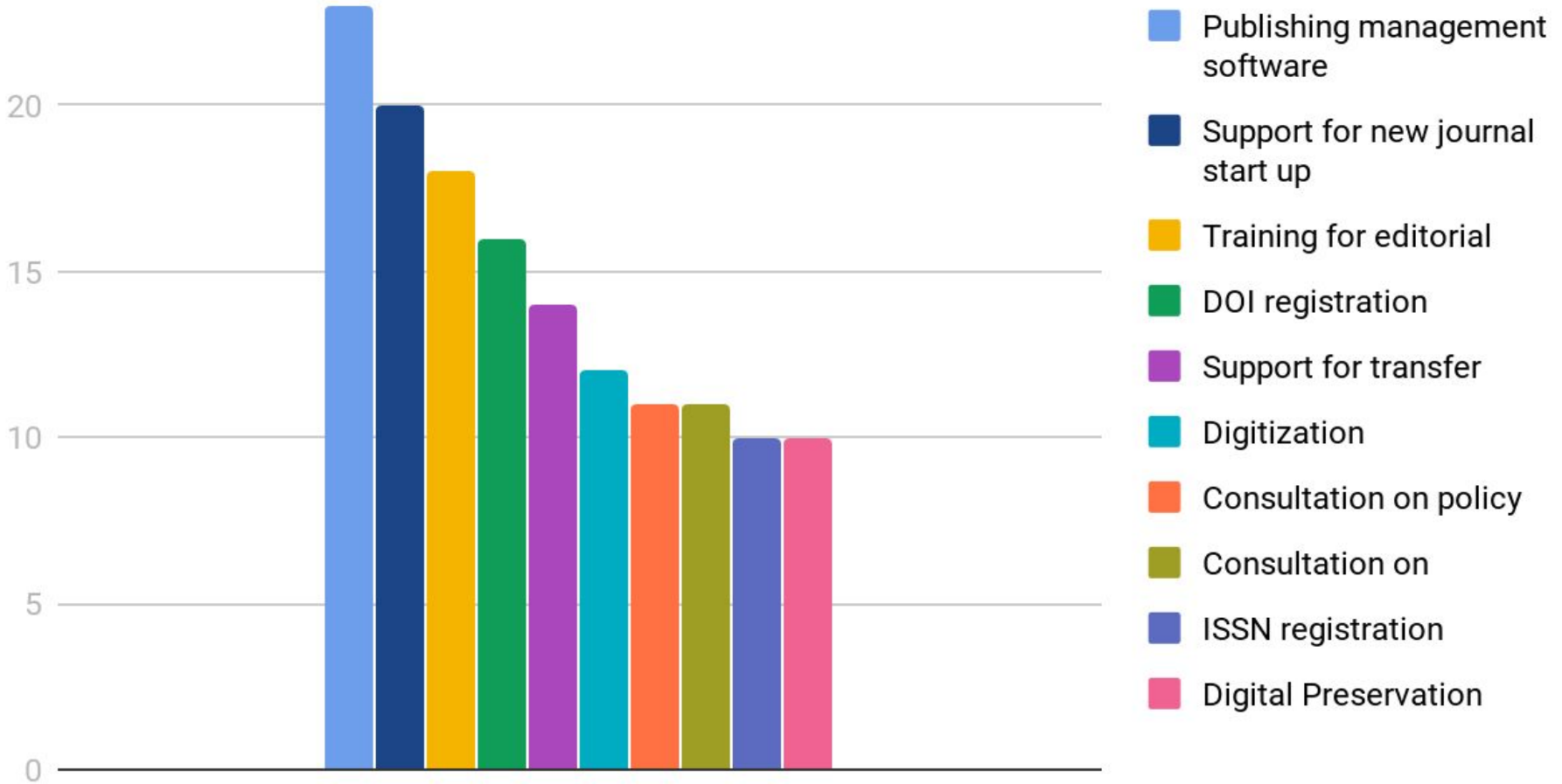
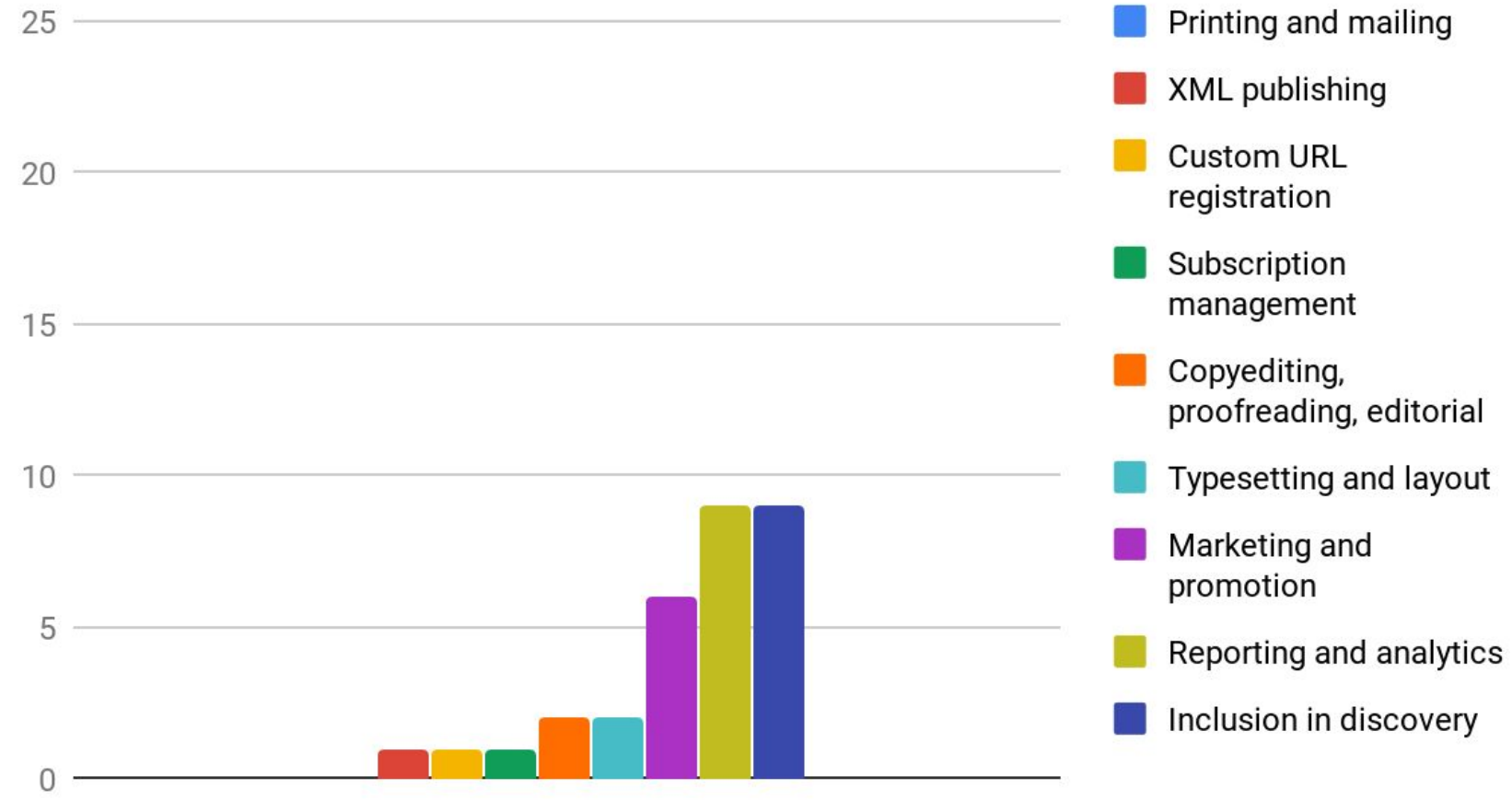


Most common services offered by Canadian library publishers



Least common services offered by Canadian library publishers



What does it all mean?

1. Collectively, libraries are (we think) the largest segment of publishers of Canadian scholarly peer reviewed journals

2. Library publishing activities are foundational to supporting the entire system of Canadian scholarly communications

Next steps

For research project:

- Finish cleaning and categorizing master journal list
- Confirm and validate data about library publishers' activities
- Survey publishers to document their publishing activities
- Document and share findings widely

GOAL: Advocate for and educate about this work

Thank you!

Questions?

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