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## Let's Get Digital: PDF for Newspaper eDeposit at the Library of Congress

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Library of Congress newspaper archive





## **Newspapers and Copyright Deposit**



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Library of Congress microfilm stacks



## Some background...

- The Library of Congress builds its research collections via Copyright deposits
- Since 1990, the group registration option provides a significant discount over single issue registration
- Microfilming has increased in cost for newspaper publishers

In a recent review, nearly 70% of newspapers selected for the Library's collections were not being registered.





#### ePrint PDF



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Pilot project with the News Media Alliance (NMA) proved that ePrints could provide static, comprehensive, high quality news content for long-term preservation











## **ePrint Specifications**



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## **Attainable specifications**

- Renderable PDF
- "Book of the newspaper" (full issue, in page order)
- Embedded fonts
- Searchable text
- Minimal embedded metadata (ISSN, publication date)
- Free from DRM
- Meaningful filename
- 500MB or smaller file size (system limitation)







#### **Timeline**



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- "Group Registration of Newspapers" final rule published in the Federal Register by Feb 1 2018 <a href="https://www.copyright.gov/fedreg/">https://www.copyright.gov/fedreg/</a>
- Final rule effective date: March 1 2018
- Microfilm deposits are optional and accepted through Dec 31 2019



Photo: Lansing Republican newspaper and microfilm at the Library of Michigan. http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan



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#### **Benefits**



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### **Publishers:**

- Many publishers are already creating and distributing PDFs
- Cost savings
- Legal benefits

## Library patrons

- (future) Self-service access; no wait
- Keyword searches

## **Library/Copyright Office**

- Renderable with existing enterprise software
- Increase efficiency for group registration process

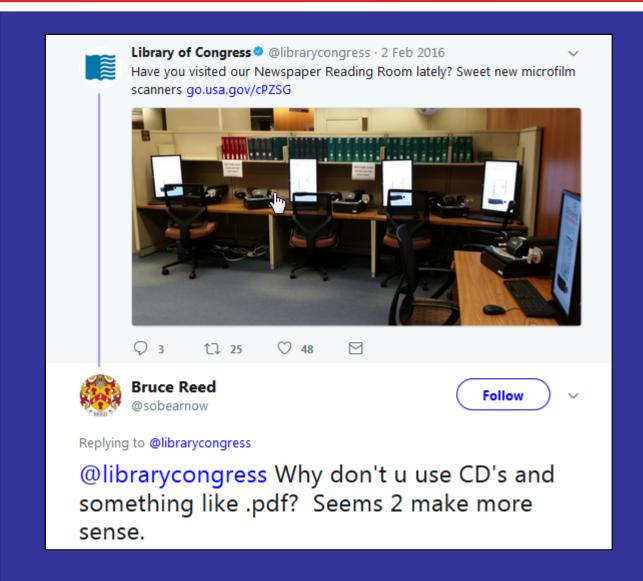




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# Thank you! Any questions?



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