

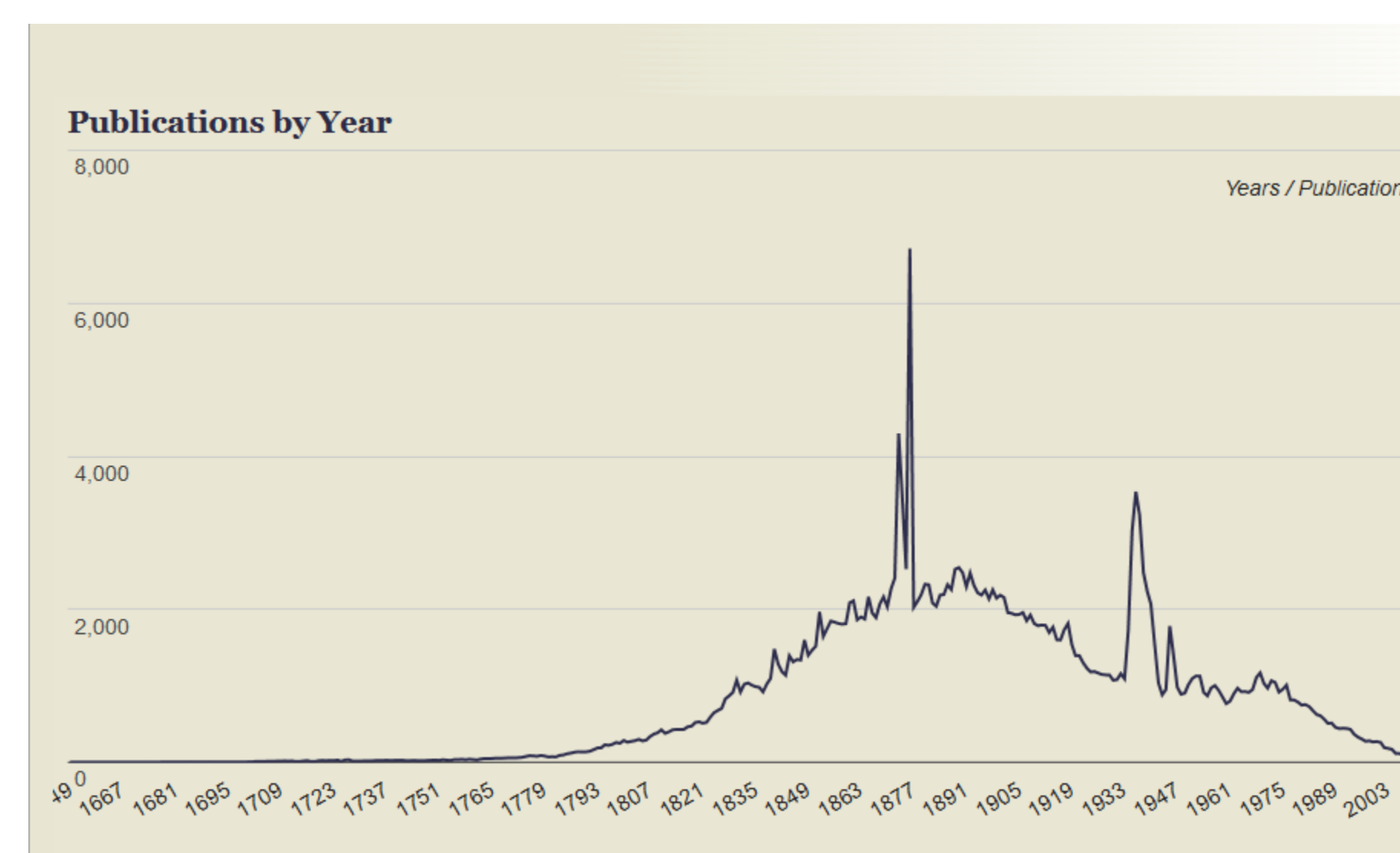
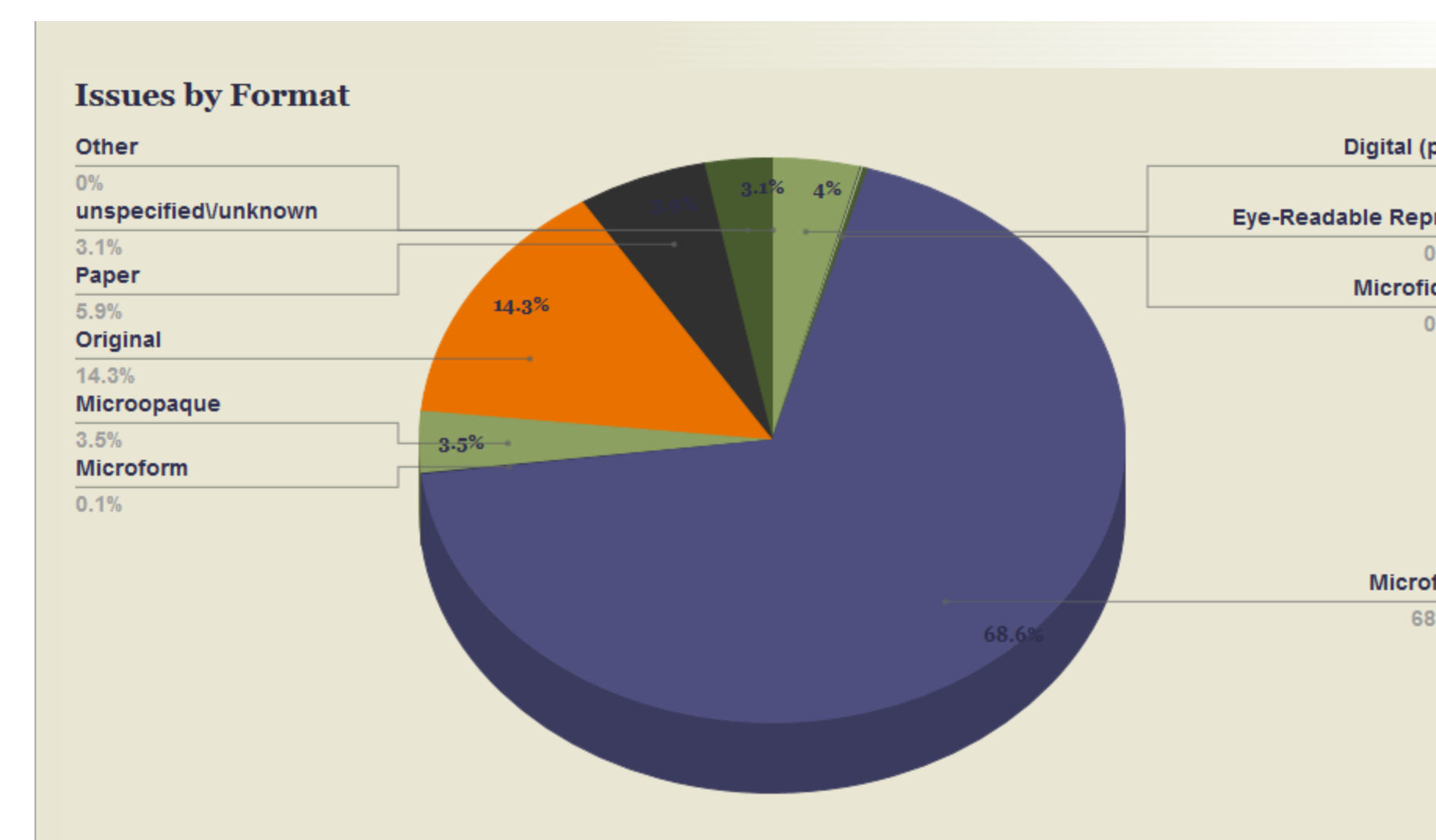
ICON Database: Its Application and Use for the Catholic Newspapers Digitization Project and Your Institution

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Summary

The International Coalition On Newspapers (ICON) Database was established by the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) in 1999 as a way to promote the accessibility of newspapers from all over the world. The database identifies rare and at-risk newspapers for preservation and digitization, and it provides both bibliographic and issue-level metadata for the public. Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRRA) has selected ICON to be its primary way of tracking materials for its Catholic Newspapers Project (CNP) because of its usability, flexibility of data implementation, international exposure, and scope.

ICON database statistics
 • as of April 2015
 • 42,126,030 issues of 169,441 publications
 • from 51 US jurisdictions,
 9 Canadian provinces, and 159 other countries
 • dating from 1649 to 2014
 • in 15 physical and electronic formats
 • contributed by 3064 organizations in 51 US jurisdictions,
 0 Canadian provinces, and 1 other countries.



Demonstration

This presentation will explore the ICON Database and its features, including searching by publication, the interactive calendar, graphs, pie charts, and institution representation with a focus on Catholic newspapers. We will also explore how your institution can input publication and issue level data into ICON and create useful projects for newspaper collections. ICON is open access and free to use all over the globe.