
Open Access

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***Free, unrestricted, online
access to scholarly works***



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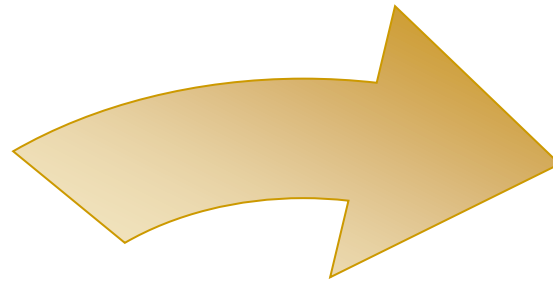
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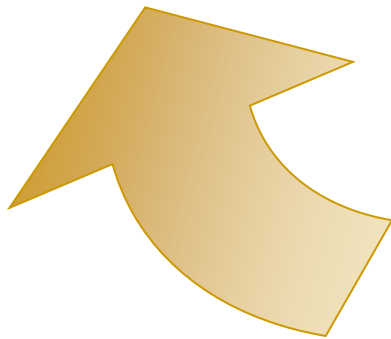


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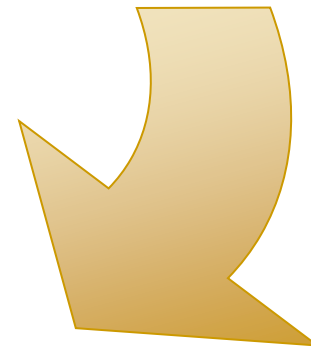
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Librarian



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- Journal prices increasing
- Library budget cuts



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- Internet access
- Electronic publishing



Why Open Access?

- Wider dissemination of your work
- Wider audience
- Increased potential for your publications to be cited by others
- Eliminates barriers for readers
- Helps advance the speed of research



Paths to Open Access

1. Depositing in a digital repository or self-archiving
2. Publishing in a Open Access journal



Digital Repositories

- DRUM: <http://drum.lib.umd.edu/>
- Launched in 2004
 - 1,100 documents
 - 12,000+ documents
- Theses and dissertations
- Faculty research (journal articles & technical reports)
- Authors need to retain rights to deposit research



Digital Repositories

- Do not perform peer review
- Contain preprints, postprints, or both
- Can be institution-based (e.g. DRUM) or discipline-based (e.g. arXiv for physics)
- Widely accessible
- Stable address
- Permanent archive



Open Access Journals

- Directory of Open Access Journals
 - <http://www.doaj.org/>
 - 7,500+ titles
 - cover all subject and many languages
 - public health: 184 titles
 - psychology: 158 titles
 - peer-reviewed
- Definition
 - journals that use a funding model that does not charge readers or their institutions for access



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Examples of Paid Access Options

- Taylor & Francis: iOpenAccess \$3,250
- Springer: Open Choice \$3,000
- Wiley-Blackwell: Online Open \$3,000
- Sage Publications: Sage Open \$695
 - First time authors: \$195



Recent Open Access Trends

- Mandates at other institutions
 - Harvard Faculty of Arts & Sciences (Feb 2008)
 - Stanford School of Education (Jun 2008)
 - MIT (Mar 2009)
 - University of Kansas (Jun 2009)
 - Princeton (Sep 2011)
- NIH Public Access Policy



What You Can Do as a Researcher

- Publish in open access journals
- Publish in traditional journals that allow archiving
- Deposit your research in a digital repository
- Retain the rights you need to reuse your work



Goal: Retain Basic Author Rights

- Right to Reproduce
- Right to Prepare Derivative Works
- Right to Distribute
- Right to Display Publicly
- Right to Perform Publicly



Questions to Consider

- Send copies to colleagues?
- Post a copy on your course web page or Blackboard?
- Include a copy with your online CV?
- Put a copy in DRUM (or other repository)?
- Publish a translation into another language of the same article?
- Distribute copies at a presentation or conference?



Retain Your Rights

- *Read* your agreements
- Think about what you need
- Work with your publisher
- Never hurts to ask



Questions?

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