BCLA – Evolving Landscape of Scholarly Communications in BC

UBC’s Scholarly Communications Project

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What is Scholarly Communications

- Definitions vary...

The process by which scholarship is communicated, produced, supported, and managed; all those involved in supporting the lifecycle of scholarship:

- Scholars, researchers, funders, publishers, libraries so on.

Past Activities

- Open Access Survey
- Numerous classes
- Faculty Advisory Sessions
- Round table discussion with UBC’s OA authors
- Set up an IR
- ARL/ACRL Scholarly Communications Institute
- BCRLG Scholarly Communication Workshops for Liaison Librarians

Current SC Initiatives at UBC Library

- Digitization projects
- Infrastructure Support for New Models
- IR – cIRcle
- Scholarly Communications Project
  - Scholarly Communications Steering Committee
  - Working Group to explore OA mandates (CIHR, NIH, SSHRC, NSERC)
  - Environmental Scan WG
  - SC Liaison Librarian WG
  - SC Communications WG,

Project Overview

Goals:
- UBC Library’s role
- Identify recommended service models

Involves:
- Considering a long term view of issues/trends in scholarly communication,
- Surveying scholarly communication models in other ARL libraries
- Conducting formalized discussion and education of these issues with faculty, users, and publishing constituencies on our campus (involving liaison librarians)

Constructing a foundation for future scholarly communications activities

Activities to Date

- Project Charter
- Formed Scholarly Communications Steering Committee
  - Made up of faculty & key librarians
- Formed several working groups: SC Liaison Librarians; CIHR WG; SC Environmental Scan WG
- Programmed Scholarly Communications Workshops
- Exploring UBC Press Collaboration
- Participating in ARL New Publication Models Study
Framework for Scholarly Communications Project

Central questions:
- What should our role be?
- What are recommended, sustainable service models?
- What’s important to our faculties?

Research is required
Engagement with our community is required

Environmental Scan of Scholarly Communications Models ARL Libraries
- Scholarly Communications Steering Committee
  - Survey of Canadian Libs providing infrastructure support for new models
  - Research ARL Libraries activities in supporting new models
  - Literature Review
- ARL New Models Study
- CIHR Working Group

Environmental Scan of SC Activities within UBC
- Liaison Librarians Working Group
  - Data Gathering Tool: identifies specific groups faculty
  - ARL New Models Study
- Faculty – Steering Committee
- SC Environmental Scan Working Group
- CIHR Working Group

Project Charter
- Environmental Scan of Scholarly Communication Activities in ARL Libraries
  - Survey recent developments in other ARL Libraries of similar scale, noting what successes and challenges they have experienced
  - Projections
  - Forecast trends of scholarly communication over the next 3-5 years
- Environmental Scan of Scholarly Communication Practices at UBC
  - Education and Outreach to Engage Faculties and Constituencies in a Discussion of Scholarly Communication
    - Library Staff Training
  - Exploring the Library’s role with new information dissemination models or publishing initiatives
- Exploring partnerships with others
- Recommendations to Library Administration

New Models Study
- ARL, Cornell University Library and the University of Washington Library - Ithaka sponsorship.
- Purpose of the project:
  - Learn how faculty/researchers are involved in new models of scholarship
  - Develop a database to store this information that institutions could access and contribute to.

Timeframe:
- March 15 – April 1st, interview sample faculty & test tool
- April 1st – May 31st conduct data gathering more widely
- June ARL/Ithaka examine data
- August ARL/Ithaka writes up report
**SC Environmental Scan Working Group**

- Facilitate ARL New Models Data Gathering
- Facilitate compilation of data from Liaison Lib data gathering tool
- Facilitate investigation and compilation of SC disciplinary differences into knowledgebase

**Education & Outreach within UBC**

Supported by Scholarly Communications Workshops, SC Communications Working Group

- Liaison Librarians WG
- Introduction of Faculty on Steering Committee
  - New Terms of Reference; project plan (outreach to the community)
  - Identify campus-wide training/informational sessions.
  - Identify focus group opportunities
- ARL New Models Study

**SC Liaison Librarian Working Group**

- Data Gathering Instrument
- With Steering Committee planned Scholarly Communications Workshops

*Resume as working group post workshops*

**Scholarly Communications Workshop Series**

- Workshop 1: Scholarly Communications: key concepts & issues
- Workshop 2: Engaging Faculty & Graduate Students
- Workshop 3: Copyright, Author Rights
- Workshop 4: cIRcle – roles

[http://ublibraries.ubc.ca/comm/schcomm/](http://ublibrary.ubc.ca/comm/schcomm/)

**SC Communications Working Group**

Support communication strategies of the project

Eg. Website, etc.

**Exploration of New Models & Roles**

- SC Workshops
- ARL New Models Study
- UBC Press Collaboration
- (Digitization Project?)
- (Research Project)
- (IR Project)
New dissemination roles/publishing models at our Libraries

- Hosting journals
- Institutional Repositories
- Digitization efforts
- Digital Content Owner
- Licensor
- Publishing centers

Eg. California Digital Library, Columbia, Cornell, SFU, Stanford, University of Michigan

UBC Press Collaboration

(Exploration of the Library’s role with new information dissemination models or publishing initiatives & Exploration of partnerships with others)

- Atlas of British Columbia
  - digitization of the printed atlas as a starting point that could be augmented with additional geographical material
- Hosting/archiving ancillary materials of publications (cIRcle):
  - Vance/"Death So Noble"
- Exploring ... Charter of Rights and Freedoms – need grant-funding

ARL Report - "Research Library Publishing Services: New Options for University Publishing"
http://www.arl.org/news/pr/research-library-publishing-services-lsr98.shtml

"By late 2007, 44% of the 80 responding ARL member libraries reported they were delivering publishing services and another 21% were in the process of planning publishing service development. Only 36% of responding institutions were not active in this arena."

Key findings:
- Publishing services are rapidly becoming a norm for research libraries, particularly journal publishing services.
- Service development is being driven by campus demand, largely from authors and editors.
- Libraries are addressing gaps in traditional publishing systems, not replicating traditional publishing.
- Substantial investment in open-source applications such as Open Journal Systems, Open Conference Systems, D-Pubs, and DSpace is facilitating service development.
- The numbers of titles research libraries are publishing represent a very thin slice of the scholarly publishing pie; yet, collectively research libraries are beginning to produce a substantial body of content.
- Library publishing services are part of a range of new kinds of services libraries have developed or are developing, such as repository and digitization services.
- Library publication services are developed in ways that are consistent with research library service culture, including close consultation with researchers and frequent use of partnerships.

Mandates Requiring/Recommended OA deposit

In Canada:
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research – as of Jan 1, 2008 research must be deposited in an Institutional Repository or Pubmed Central.
- SSHRC’s open access policy

Elsewhere worldwide:
- As of October 1, 2006, all Wellcome Trust funded research must be deposited in PubMed Central:
- U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) – deposited in OA within 12 months of publication as of April 7, 2008.
- Federal Research Public Access Act of 2006 (Senate Bill 2695)
- U.K. House of Commons Science & Technology Committee
- European Union & DAREnet

CIHR & Other OA Mandates Working Group

- CIHR, NSERC, NIH, SSHR open access mandates

Consider UBC Library’s role in facilitating compliance
Support for Open Access Authors

BRH – Berkeley Research Impact Initiative

Research Impact Initiative:
Advancing the Impact of UC Berkeley Research

The Berkeley Research Impact Initiative (BRH) supports faculty members who want to make their journal articles freely available immediately upon publication.

- All working groups
- SC Environmental Scan Working Group
- Steering Committee
  - Final report
  - Recommendations for further action

Questions?

High Energy Physics

SCOAP^3: Supporting Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics

Research Impact Initiative: High Energy Physics

SCOAP^3 is a new model for promoting open access to the results of publicly funded research in a context of current models of scientific publishing, with the aim to make scientific publications free of charge and with no financial barriers. The model of SCOAP^3 makes direct contributions to particle physics and electronic physics, and to promote the development of open access models in particle physics. SCOAP^3 has a global scope and is intended to provide a comprehensive, open access, open access model for all scientific publications in particle physics.

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Next Steps

- Engagement with our stakeholders
  - Library Staff & Librarians
  - Learn more about how our faculty engage in scholarship
  - Identify issues from all campus stakeholders (disciplinary differences)
  - Outreach/education to our community

- Examine Sustainability of models
  - Explore partnerships inside/outside of UBC