Open Access Services, Resources, and More

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What We're Going To Cover

- Open Access basics
- Finding Open Access content
- The LCR Open Access "suite"
- The LCR Open Access mandate
- Open Access Week (Oct. 19-23)

Open Access Basics

- Definition
- The two "roads" of OA
- Some benefits of OA

Basically, Open Access Is…

- Free access over the Web for users to scholarly material, chiefly peer-reviewed journal content at present
- Are starting to see more OA monographs, OA data, OA grey literature, etc.
- Usually accompanied by greater rights for the authors of that content
- Usually free of many of the copyright and use restrictions that Toll-Access (TA) content often features

The Two "Roads" Of OA

- Author self-archiving ("green" OA)
- Open Access publishing ("gold" OA)

Author Self-Archiving: Green OA

- Involves the author (or their representative) depositing a pre-print and/or post-print in an institutional and/or subject repository; could also be a book, a book chapter, data, etc.
- Can work alongside traditional publishing
- Most publishers are OK with putting articles in repositories
- Many funders and universities/faculties/departments now mandate that the published results of research have to be deposited in an open access repository
- Repositories also add an element of curation and preservation for the content

Open Access Publishing: Gold OA

- Mostly deals with journals but other OA formats are emerging

- Can be newly-created OA journals or "toll access" journals that are converted to OA

- Some publishers offer "hybrid" OA journals; individual articles in an issue are made openly accessible

- The main question is how to pay for gold OA; many methods are employed to do this

Some Benefits Of OA

- Increased access
- Increased citations (probably)
- More author control
- Reduced costs for libraries (?)

Finding Open Access Content

- OA content is easily searchable; it can be found via Google, Google Scholar, Scopus, OAIster (http://www.oaister.org/ - repository search engine), many abstracting and indexing tools, etc.

- OA articles can be found in fulltext 3rd-party aggregators
- Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) (www.doaj.org)
- OA collections are link resolver (e.g. SFX) and MARC record service (e.g. Serials Solutions) targets e.g. DOAJ is a target

The LCR Open Access "Suite"

- Open Access Authors Fund
- Institutional Repository (DSpace)
- University of Calgary Press
- Synergies
- Digitization

Open Access Authors Fund

- http://library.ucalgary.ca/services/for-faculty/open-access-authors-fund-0

- Pays some OA journal processing fees for U of C authors

- $100,000 CAN

- In year two

- 1st of its kind in Canada, 6th in the world

Institutional Repository

- https://dspace.ucalgary.ca/
- In place since March 2003
- 2nd largest university repository in Canada after the University of Toronto

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University of Calgary Press

- http://www.ucalgary.ca/UP/

- The Press is moving from print-only into a variety of publishing options, including OA

- Has a few OA journals and is investigating Open Monograph series

Synergies

- http://www.synergiescanada.org/

- http://www.synergiesprairies.ca/

- Initial focus is to move Canadian humanities and social sciences journals to the online environment

- Some journals will be OA from the start

- Synergies assists interested journals in the transition to OA

Digitization

- http://lcr.ucalgary.ca/digitization
- LCR has digitized a great deal of content and made it openly accessible
- Includes photographs, archival records, community histories, newspapers, bylaws, and much more

The LCR Open Access Mandate

- http://library.ucalgary.ca/open-access/libraries-cultural-resources

- Passed by LCR Academic Council in spring 2009

- 1st mandate among a library group in Canada, the 2nd of that nature anywhere, and the 79th mandate of any sort worldwide

Open Access Week

- http://www.openaccessweek.org/
- October 19-23, 2009
- Builds on OA Day in 2008

OA Week and LCR

- http://library.ucalgary.ca/services/-faculty/open-access/open-access-week-2009

- Displays: MacKimmie Library Link, Netspeed conference, branches

- Daily info in UToday and elsewhere

- Presentation by Leslie Chan, founder of Bioline International

Questions? Discussion? Searching?