The Open Access Revolution: From Philosophy To Transition

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Heather Says

“Hi”

Wish I could be with everyone in Jasper – and wish you all were here with us today where the BC ELN flutter is busy planting the BC ELN Community Garden! (Or strategic planning for 2011-2016 if you prefer).
What We’re Going To Cover

• OA Defined (very briefly!)
• The Growth Of OA
• University Support For OA
• Non-Academic Libraries And OA Support
• Library Association Support For OA
• Preservation
Open Access Defined (very briefly!)

• OA material is scholarly (and related) content that is freely accessible on the Web
• No subscriptions, no pay-per-use or pay-per-view
• Includes journal articles, monographs, data, cartographic material, etc.
• Has benefits both inside and outside the academic world
The Growth Of Open Access

• Most noticeable in last several years, with no sign of abating
• About 20% of peer-reviewed journals are OA
• Directory of Open Access Journals (www.doaj.org): 6450 journals, 203 Canadian (as of April 28, 2011)
• Grows by an average of 4 titles per day
Open access journals growth – much faster than overall

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March 31, 2011 Data from Dramatic Growth of Open Access, estimated average journal growth rate of 3.5%/year courtesy of Mahe via Ware (2006) Scientific Publishing in Transition
The Growth Of Open Access (cont.)

- CUFTS: more than 10,000 titles ([http://researcher.sfu.ca/cufts](http://researcher.sfu.ca/cufts))
- Overall, there is tons of content available!
University Support For Open Access

• Institutional repositories – widespread (about 60 university repositories in Canada)
• OA journal and monograph publishing – great examples from AB
• Open Access Journals Support Project – indicated lots going on, lots of potential support for any economic model
• Author-side payment support funds e.g. U of C Open Access Authors Fund (http://library.ucalgary.ca/services/-faculty/open-access/open-access-authors-fund-0)
• OA mandates: about 150 (http://roarmap.eprints.org/)
Non-Academic Libraries And Open Access Support

• Include open access resources such as PubMed and DOAJ in services available to patrons
• Education – of library staff, of users
• Why not support open access publishing for local groups, authors and publishers?
• Why not a local open access repository?
Library Association Support For Open Access

• Library associations have taken big steps here
• British Columbia Library Association (BCLA)
  – Resolution on Open Access
    (http://www.bcla.bc.ca/ipc/Resolutions/2004-openaccess-passed.pdf)
• Canadian Library Association (CLA)
  – OA task force and adoption of OA policies
    (http://cla.informz.net/cla/archives/archive_155065.html)
  – Position Statement on Open Access for Canadian Libraries
    (http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Position_Statements&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=5306)
Library Association Support For Open Access (cont.)

• Library Association of Alberta (LAA)
  – Consultations on an OA policy over the past year
  – Policy to be voted on at AGM this afternoon

• International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
  – Statement on Open Access to Scholarly Literature and Research Documentation
    (http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/ifla-statement-on-open-access-to-scholarly-literature-and-research-documentation)
Preservation

• OA is successful but... who is preserving the stuff??
• Internet Archive (www.archive.org)
• COPPUL Private LOCKSS Network (PLN) (http://www.coppul.ca/pln.html)
Questions? Discussion?
Your Speakers

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