

CONCERT/Springer Open Access Seminar
Open Access – From Green Road To Gold Road
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**CASE STUDY: THE ROLE OF
LIBRARIANS IN OPEN
ACCESS PUBLISHING AND
SETTING UP A CENTRAL
FUND**

What I'm Going To Talk About

- The University of Calgary – brief introduction
- Open Access Authors Fund
- The Open Access suite at the University of Calgary
- Why was the Open Access Authors Fund established?
- More recent reasons
- Effects on the library
- What can you do?

The University of Calgary

- Over 31,000 students
- Over 1770 academic staff
- Over 2900 staff
- One large main campus plus six satellite locations, including a nursing school in Qatar
- 14 faculties with 53 departments

The University of Calgary - Library

- Part of Libraries and Cultural Resources (LCR), which also includes the Canadian Architectural Archives, the Military Museums and Archives, Special Collections, University Archives, the Nickle Galleries, and the University of Calgary Press
- Library collection=about 8 million physical items + thousands of e-journals, e-books, etc.
- One main library (Taylor Family Digital Library) + 6 branches and a high density storage facility
- Ranked 42nd in the Association of Research Libraries list

The University of Calgary – South Entrance, Main Campus



The University of Calgary - Summer



The University of Calgary - Winter



The University of Calgary – Taylor Family Digital Library



Open Access Authors Fund

- An LCR service
- 1st in Canada, 6th in the world
- Began in 2008/2009 and has just finished year 5 of operation
- \$100,000 CAN each year, from library collection money
- We have some memberships e.g. BMC, Hindawi, Royal Society, etc.
- Has only paid for journal articles so far but may cover other OA formats in the future

Open Access Authors Fund - Criteria

- ⦿ There are criteria for authors and for journals/publishers
- ⦿ The criteria are very similar to what most other author funds have
- ⦿ The U of C Fund is probably the most liberal author fund

Open Access Authors Fund – Author Criteria

- Submitting authors need to be members of the University of Calgary community: faculty, staff, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, adjunct faculty
- Authors need to use available grant money to pay APCs first before turning to the Fund
- If authors meet the criteria, the Fund will pay the entire APC

Open Access Authors Fund – Journal/Publisher Criteria

- The Fund will pay for articles in fully OA journals
- The Fund will pay for articles in hybrid OA journals only if the publisher reduces subscription costs in response to the take-up of their hybrid OA program

Open Access Authors Fund – Some Statistics

- 391 accepted articles
- Average APC paid: \$1359 CAN
- Largest APC paid: \$3416 CAN
- Smallest APC paid: \$150 CAN
- 27 publishers (top 3=BMC, Hindawi, and PLoS)
- Top 3 journals: PLoS One, BMC Health Services Research, and BMC Public Health

Open Access Authors Fund - Reaction

- Authors are very thankful for the assistance of the Fund
- University administration expects LCR to be involved in and supportive of Open Access
- The Fund is well-known in Canada and elsewhere
- Of course, we can always do more...

Open Access Suite

- Open Access Authors Fund
- Institutional Repository
- University of Calgary Press
- Synergies project
- Digitization

Why Was The Open Access Authors Fund Established?

- Tied in with the core values of librarianship
- We wanted to change the scholarly communication world
- We wanted to support what we believed in
- Libraries and librarians are well-positioned in the OA movement
- We were asked to deal with the issue
- We were already doing a fair amount with OA

More Recent Reasons

- Increased interest in OA
- There are many more gold OA publishers
- There are many more OA mandates
- The gold OA road is attractive

Effects On The Library

- ① Dealing with the collections money issue
- ① Workload
- ① Everyone has to come on board, to some extent

What Can You Do?

- ① Assess the local situation
- ① Set up an author fund
- ① Set up other OA-related programs and services
- ① Learn and educate

Questions? Discussion?



URLs

- University of Calgary: www.ucalgary.ca
- Libraries and Cultural Resources (LCR): lcr.ucalgary.ca
- Open Access Authors Fund: library.ucalgary.ca/open-access-authors-fund
- Institutional Repository: dspace.ucalgary.ca
- University of Calgary Press: uofcpress.com
- Synergies: www.synergiesprairies.com
- Digitization: www.ucalgary.ca/digitalinitiatives.com
- E-LIS (E-Prints in Library and Information Science): <http://eprints.rclis.org/>
- Campus-based Open Access Publishing Funds: <http://www.sparc.arl.org/openaccess/funds/index.shtml>

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