



Transitioning to Open Access: Action and Advocacy

*The Canadian Association of Research Libraries
Institutional Repositories Program*

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What is an Institutional Repository?

An institutional repository is a set of services offered by a university to manage and make accessible scholarly digital materials created by the institution and its community members. (Clifford Lynch, 2003)

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- began in 2002
- informal
- sharing best practices
- demonstrate the interoperability of IRs

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Activities

- Listserv
- Annual survey
- Promotional activities
- PKP Harvester Version 2
- CARLCore Repositories Metadata Profile
- Review of Content Recruitment Strategies
- Creative Commons Canada

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Harvester Stats

The CARL/ABRC OAI Harvester currently has **35610** records from **13** archives indexed, and is updated daily.



Open ACCESS Research

Welcome to the Canadian Association of Research Libraries / Association des bibliothèques de recherche du Canada's institutional repository search service.

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Working repositories

University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
Dalhousie University
University of Guelph
Université Laval
University of Manitoba
McMaster's University
Université de Montréal
University of New Brunswick
Université du Québec à Montréal
Queens University
Simon Fraser University
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
University of Waterloo
University of Windsor
York University

Pilot Projects

University of Ottawa
McGill University
University of Western Ontario

Planning Stages

Carleton University
Canada Institute for Science and Technical Information
Concordia University
University of Regina

Institutional Repositories

Major Barriers

- Low visibility
- Time involved
- Benefits not well understood
- Library resources

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Vision

Institutional repositories contain a rich and comprehensive record of content generated by researchers at institutions worldwide. This aggregated content is the foundation for a chain of value-added services that enable the use and re-use of materials in many contexts.

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Objectives

1. To articulate the importance of institutional repositories and the value of the CARL IR Program
2. To improve content recruitment at institutional repositories in Canada
3. To demonstrate the value of overlay services for Canadian institutional repositories

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Specific Projects

1. Institutional Repository Advocacy Toolkit
2. Single-disciplinary Pilot Project
3. CARLCore Metadata Profile: Phase Two
4. Usage Statistics

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Other CARL Open Access Activities

- Canadian Create Change Website
- SPARC Canadian Author Addendum
- OA Policy Briefs

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