The Impact of Open Access in Scholarly Communications: Stakeholders Perspectives

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The Open Access (OA) movement has become increasingly important in shaping the ways that academic libraries provide services to support the creation, organization, management and use of digital contents. Many stakeholders hope that OA will offer researchers and users the opportunity to change the present ways in which information is stored, accessed, and disseminated.
Introduction

• The UNT Libraries have been supporting OA initiatives for several years. In spite of the benefits of OA, we recognize that there are issues and concerns that affect not only students, faculty, libraries, institutions and academic publishers, but also users around the world. In light of the changing face of scholarly communication, the panelists discuss the trends from diverse perspectives.
Discusses the historical background of Open Access and research and educational impact of some of UNTs curated collections.
World wide growth of Institutional Repositories

Source: [Open DOAR](http://www.doar.org) (September 2013)
On February 22, 2013 the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) took a bold step toward making more government information available to the public for free.

The memorandum introduced a new policy framework that will make the results of research that is supported by federal government investments, both the publications and the data itself, freely-available after a defined embargo period:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/ostp_public_access_memo_2013.pdf
Statistics for Map Collections from the University of Texas at Arlington

130,313 Total Uses / 5,254 Total Items (12,310 files) / 5,181 Visible / 73 Hidden

Usage by Month/Year

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Statistics for Map Collections as of September 16, 2013
Source: [http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/UTAM/stats/](http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/UTAM/stats/)
UNT–ETD’s: Visits from 200+ Countries:
http://digital.library.unt.edu/explore/collections/UNTETD/browse/
Laura Waugh

Repository Librarian for Scholarly Works
UNT Libraries

Discusses the perceptions of faculty/researchers towards open access publishing and the role university libraries, institutional repositories, and publishers play to mediate this task.
Publishers/Organizations

- Request permissions
- Check copyrights/licensing/access
- Versions of work
  - Pre-print
  - Post-print
  - Author’s manuscript
Faculty/Researchers
Mixed Attitudes on Open Access

- Resistance to change
- Time factors
- Wider dissemination
- Increased citations
- Cost considerations
- Copyright fears
Libraries

Strong Interest in Open Access

• Increasing subscription fees
• Preservation and access
• Greater availability to resources
• Showcasing university’s work
• IRs thrive on making work available
Institutional Repositories

Noticeable Trends

- Increased awareness
- Mounting publishing fees
- Perceptions about OA journals
- Fear about tenure and promotion
- All varies widely by discipline
Jill Kleister

Graduate Reader since July 2002
UNT Toulouse Graduate School

Discusses institutional approaches to open access and the policy framework. In addition, Jill brings students’ perspectives on open access to ETDs and possible concerns for future publication.
Jill Kleister

Number Embargoed ETDs
UNT and ProQuest

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Top 5 Restricted Subjects
2007-2012

UNT
- English
- Hard Sciences
- History
- Soft Sciences
- Engineering

ProQuest
- Hard Sciences
- History
- Education
- Soft Sciences
- Engineering
Ron Chrisman
The UNT Press Director
UNT Press

Discusses academic publisher perspectives on the issues related to OA. He also clarifies misconceptions and discusses the publication options for openly distributed documents.
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Examines issues around different types of Creative Commons licenses, copyright, and authors’ rights and how these relate to OA publishing.
Information Evolution

- ...1439/1440 is (1454) – Gutenberg Press
- ...post 1945 – Vannever Bush
  - Turing, Shannon...
- ...1989-1991 Tim Berners-Lee

http://www.flickr.com/photos/38671911@N08/3985110824/in/photolist-759JBj-75QSfi-75QSLg-75QTMz-75QUoZ-75QUJv-75UKKL-75ULhC-75UM49-75UMh3-75UMGd-75UMSY-75UNdw-7r3W48-bc3gji-7yDTZg-bw7t58-dM7dK1-dVUJmk-a4yMTM-a2rtXt-acwVq4-9VWGTg-9VZyy1-9VZxgS-9VWGGv-9VWHDv-9VZyFL-9VWHvk-9VZy5b-9VWJEEx-9VZx8o-9VWHQi-7H7my6-9eJKmp
Innovative Disruption

Results:
- Lawsuits
- Fair use/other copyright exceptions
- Licensing
- SPARC Addendum
- Open Access
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