

Advancing Open Access Along Multiple Pathways at The Ohio State University

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TWENTY YEARS OF GROWTH IN OPEN ACCESS

The Ohio State University Libraries promotes innovative research and creative expression and curates and preserves information essential for scholarship and learning. Making the research and scholarship of Ohio State's faculty, staff, and students openly available allows us to live our land grant mission – sharing knowledge and culture with the people of Ohio, the nation, and the world.

Transforming Scholarly Publishing

The current scholarly publishing model creates barriers for researchers and has become unsustainable. In alignment with the university's promise of operational excellence and resource stewardship, we are exploring partnerships to transform that model while also ensuring researchers have access to the tools crucial for their work.

New Open Access Funding Models

After two decades of grassroots operational and tactical work that has made incremental advances in Open Access, we have significant opportunities to accelerate progress and affect transformative change in the economics of scholarly publishing. Our Transforming the Scholarly Publishing Economy Initiative's priority is to inform and motivate decision-making around directing funds away from paywalled subscription models and toward Open Access publishing. <https://go.osu.edu/transform-pub-initiative>

STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS IN OPEN ACCESS

Multiple Funding Pathways

Our investments in OA include financial support of open-source repository and publishing infrastructure, an institutional repository (<https://kb.osu.edu/>), a diamond OA publishing program (<https://go.osu.edu/librarypublishing>), transformative agreements with publishers, and collective action with our consortial partners, including OhioLINK and the Big Ten Academic Alliance.

INITIATIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Priorities Aligned with Ohio State's Mission

- 1 Make the research and scholarship of Ohio State's faculty, staff, and students openly available
- 2 Steward Ohio State's financial resources
- 3 Create or advance sustainability for campus investments in research and scholarship
- 4 Explore partnerships to transform the scholarly publishing economy
- 5 Apply our equity values (Equity – We advance diversity, inclusivity, access, and social justice) <https://library.osu.edu/strategic-directions>

TRANSFORMING THE SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING ECONOMY INITIATIVE

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TRANSFORMATIVE AND TRANSITIONAL AGREEMENTS



Taylor & Francis Read and Publish Agreement

University Libraries and Taylor & Francis have a three-year pilot Read and Publish Agreement through 2022. Under the agreement, Ohio State has ongoing access to Taylor & Francis's collection of more than 2,300 journals and Open Access publishing costs of articles published by Ohio State corresponding authors in Taylor & Francis journals will be covered. <https://go.osu.edu/osul-tandf>



Royal Society Read & Publish 2021 Agreement

University Libraries and the Royal Society have a Read and Publish Agreement for 2021. Under this one-year agreement, Ohio State will have perpetual access to Royal Society content published in 2021 and Open Access fees for articles published by Ohio State corresponding authors in Royal Society journals will be covered. <https://go.osu.edu/osul-rs>

COLLECTIVE ACTION Publishing



Big Ten Academic Alliance and PLOS Community Action Publishing Agreement

The Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) and the Public Library of Science (PLOS) have an agreement for BTAA members, including Ohio State, to participate in PLOS' Community Action Publishing (CAP) program. The three-year agreement allows BTAA researchers to publish in *PLOS Biology* and *PLOS Medicine* without incurring fees. <https://go.osu.edu/osul-plos>



Big Ten Academic Alliance and Open Library of Humanities Collective Action Agreement

The Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) and the Open Library of Humanities (OLH) have signed a three-year collective action agreement that provides multi-year support for OLH from all fifteen member libraries. <https://go.osu.edu/btaa-olh>

COLLECTIVE ACTION Scholarly Infrastructure



Big Ten Academic Alliance Collective Action Agreement with the Directory of Open Access Journals

The Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) have a three-year collective action agreement that provides multi-year support for DOAJ from all fifteen member libraries. <https://go.osu.edu/btaa-doaj>



Big Ten Academic Alliance Collective Action Agreement with the Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) and OAPEN

The Big Ten Academic Alliance has a three-year collective action agreement with the DOAB and OAPEN Library and Publication Platform to provide financial support from all fifteen member libraries. <https://go.osu.edu/btaa-doab-oapen>

COLLECTIVE ACTION OA Monographs



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University Libraries is participating in the TOME (Toward an Open Monograph Ecosystem) five-year pilot to advance the wide dissemination of humanities and humanistic social science scholarship. <https://library.osu.edu/tome>



Big Ten Academic Alliance and University of Michigan Press Fund to Mission Agreement

The BTAA and the UM Press have a three-year agreement that provides multi-year support for Fund to Mission from all fifteen member libraries. <https://go.osu.edu/btaa-umpress>



Big Ten Academic Alliance and MIT Press Direct to Open Agreement

The BTAA and the MIT Press have a three-year collective action agreement that provides Direct to Open (D2O) access for all fifteen BTAA member libraries. <https://go.osu.edu/btaa-mit>