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 progress and affect transformative change in the economics of scholarly publishing. 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 OHUN/J 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.

TRANSFORMING THE SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING ECONOMY

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COLLECTIVE ACTION

Taylor & Francis and Read and Publish Agreement

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Big Ten Academic Alliance and PLOS Community Action Agreement

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

COLLECTIVE ACTION

Big Ten Academic Alliance and Open Library of Humanities

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/osu-rs)

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