

The Open Access Revolution: From Philosophy To Transition

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Heather Says “Hi”

Wish I could be with everyone in Jasper – and wish you all were here with us today where the BC ELN flutter is busy planting the BC ELN Community Garden! (Or strategic planning for 2011-2016 if you prefer).



What We're Going To Cover

- OA Defined (very briefly!)
- The Growth Of OA
- University Support For OA
- Non-Academic Libraries And OA Support
- Library Association Support For OA
- Preservation

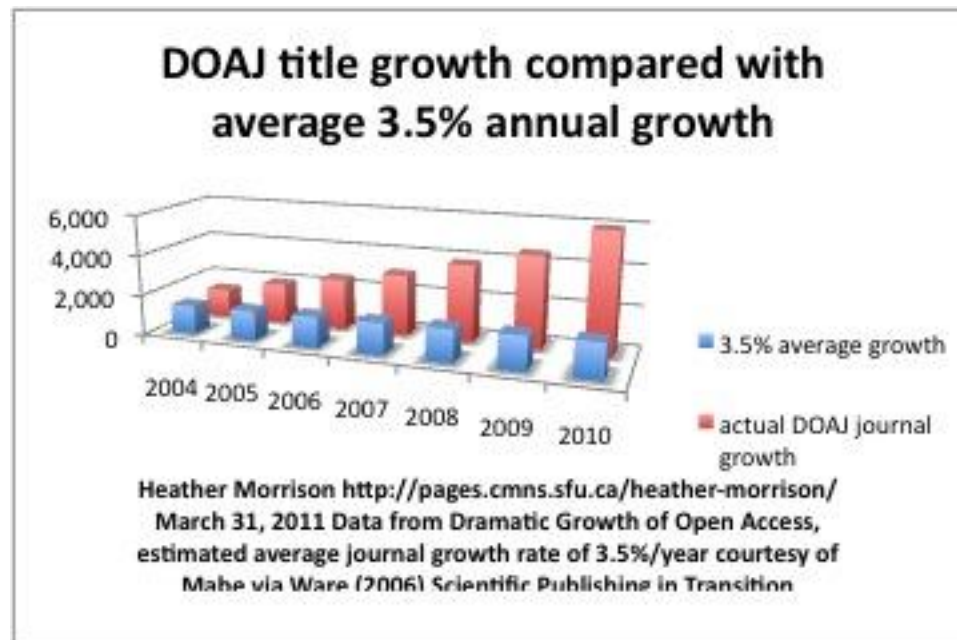
Open Access Defined (very briefly!)

- OA material is scholarly (and related) content that is freely accessible on the Web
- No subscriptions, no pay-per-use or pay-per-view
- Includes journal articles, monographs, data, cartographic material, etc.
- Has benefits both inside and outside the academic world

The Growth Of Open Access

- Most noticeable in last several years, with no sign of abating
- About 20% of peer-reviewed journals are OA
- Directory of Open Access Journals (www.doaj.org): 6450 journals, 203 Canadian (as of April 28, 2011)
- Grows by an average of 4 titles per day

Open access journals growth – much faster than overall



The Growth Of Open Access (cont.)

- Electronic Journals Library: more than 27,000 (<http://rzblx1.uni-regensburg.de/ezeit/index.phtml?bibid=AAAAA&colors=7&lang=en>)
- CUFTS: more than 10,000 titles (<http://researcher.sfu.ca/cufts>)
- PubMed: on average, search results are about 20% OA (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/>)
- OpenDOAR: 1943 repositories (<http://www.opendoar.org/>)
- Registry of Open Access Repositories (ROAR): 2255 repositories (<http://roar.eprints.org/>)
- Overall, there is tons of content available!

University Support For Open Access

- Institutional repositories – widespread (about 60 university repositories in Canada)
- OA journal and monograph publishing – great examples from AB
- Open Access Journals Support Project – indicated lots going on, lots of potential support for *any* economic model
- Author-side payment support funds e.g. U of C Open Access Authors Fund (<http://library.ucalgary.ca/services/-faculty/open-access/open-access-authors-fund-0>)
- OA mandates: about 150 (<http://roarmap.eprints.org/>)

Non-Academic Libraries And Open Access Support

- Include open access resources such as PubMed and DOAJ in services available to patrons
- Education – of library staff, of users
- Why not support open access publishing for local groups, authors and publishers?
- Why not a local open access repository?

Library Association Support For Open Access

- Library associations have taken big steps here
- British Columbia Library Association (BCLA)
 - Resolution on Open Access
(<http://www.bcla.bc.ca/ipc/Resolutions/2004-openaccess-passed.pdf>)
- Canadian Library Association (CLA)
 - OA task force and adoption of OA policies
(http://cla.informz.net/cla/archives/archive_155065.html)
 - Position Statement on Open Access for Canadian Libraries
(http://www.cla.ca/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Position_Statements&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=5306)

Library Association Support For Open Access (cont.)

- Library Association of Alberta (LAA)
 - Consultations on an OA policy over the past year
 - Policy to be voted on at AGM this afternoon
- International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
 - Statement on Open Access to Scholarly Literature and Research Documentation
(<http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/ifla-statement-on-open-access-to-scholarly-literature-and-research-documentation>)

Preservation

- OA is successful but... who is preserving the stuff??
- Internet Archive (www.archive.org)
- COPPUL Private LOCKSS Network (PLN) (<http://www.coppul.ca/pln.html>)

Questions? Discussion?



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