

Rethinking Collections:
Libraries and Librarians in an
Open Age

A Theoretical View

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More than 10% of peer-reviewed journals are OA (July 2007)

Total Peer-Reviewed Journals	20-25,000
Directory of Open Access Journals doaj.org <i>Growth: 1.2 titles / day</i>	2,744
% of peer-reviewed journals that are open access	> 10%

Toll / OA Articles July 07



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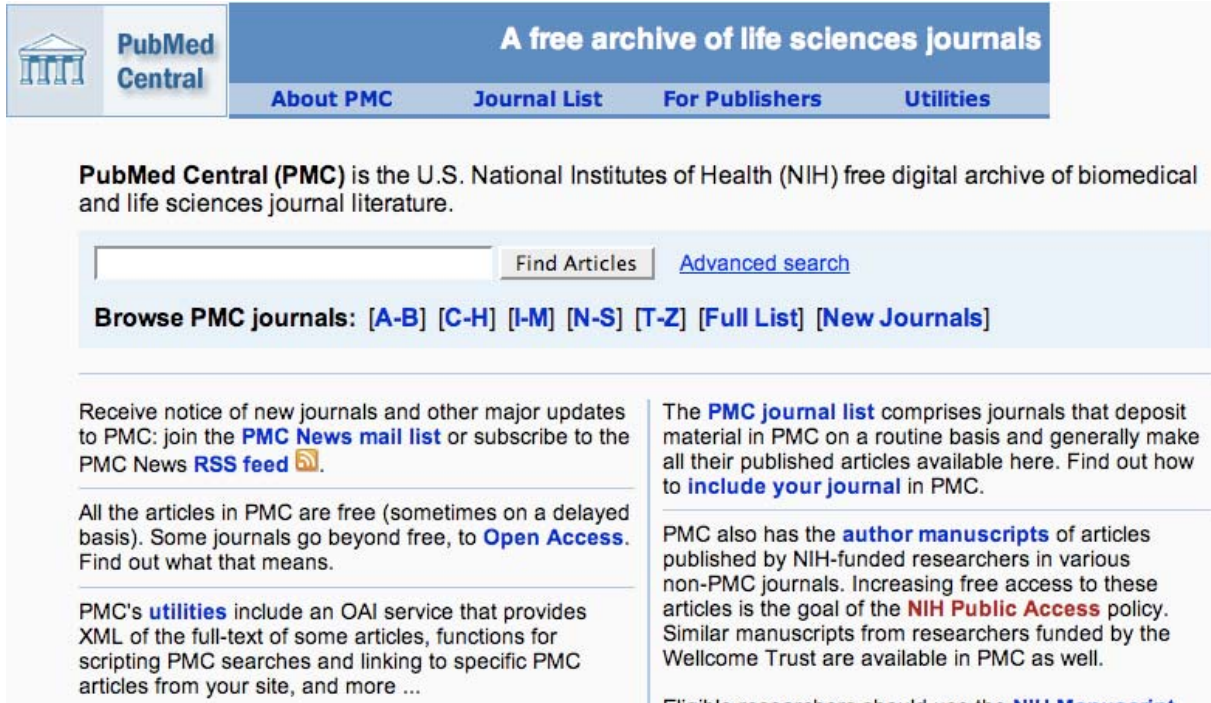
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Details at a Glance

Publications	15757804
Authors	6777341
Repositories	869

	# articles	% STM lit.
Science Direct (TA) sciencedirect.com	8.4 million	1/4
Scientific Commons (OA) scientificcommons.org	15.7 million	1/2?

PubMed Central pubmedcentral.nih.gov



The screenshot shows the PubMed Central website interface. At the top left is the PubMed Central logo, which includes a classical building icon and the text "PubMed Central". To the right of the logo is a blue navigation bar with the text "A free archive of life sciences journals" and four menu items: "About PMC", "Journal List", "For Publishers", and "Utilities". Below the navigation bar is a main content area. It starts with a paragraph: "PubMed Central (PMC) is the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) free digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature." Below this is a search bar with a "Find Articles" button and a link to "Advanced search". Underneath the search bar is a section for "Browse PMC journals" with links for "[A-B]", "[C-H]", "[I-M]", "[N-S]", "[T-Z]", "[Full List]", and "[New Journals]". The bottom section of the screenshot is divided into two columns of text. The left column contains three paragraphs: one about joining the "PMC News mail list" or subscribing to the "PMC News RSS feed", one stating that all articles are free (sometimes on a delayed basis) and some go beyond free to "Open Access", and one mentioning "PMC's utilities" like an OAI service. The right column contains two paragraphs: one describing the "PMC journal list" and how it includes published articles, and another mentioning "author manuscripts" of articles published by NIH-funded researchers.

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- Daily Usage: July 7
> 250,000 connections
- Is Peer Review a formality? *Papers read and comments to authors before submission for publication?*

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528,128 records: July 2007

Institutional Repository: CERN Document Server

<http://cdsweb.cern.ch/>



The screenshot shows the CERN Document Server homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the CERN Document Server logo on the left and a menu of buttons: Search, Submit, Convert, Agenda, Webcast, Bulletin, and Library. On the far right of the navigation bar, there is a user status indicator: "guest :: [login](#)". Below the navigation bar, the word "Home" is displayed. The main heading is "CERN Document Server" in a large blue font. Below the heading, a paragraph states: "Over 800,000 bibliographic records, including 360,000 fulltext documents, of interest to people working in particle physics and related areas. Covers preprints, articles, books, journals, photographs, and much more." Below this text is a search interface. It starts with the text "Search 903,072 records for:" followed by a search input field. To the right of the input field is a dropdown menu currently set to "any field". To the right of the dropdown are two buttons: "Search" and "Browse". Below the search input field, there are two links: "Search Tips" and "Advanced Search". At the bottom of the page, there is a dashed box containing the text: "CERN Library News (5th July 2007) Please give your comments on the [list of scientific journals proposed for cancellation](#)."

Managed by CERN Library

Collections of conference webcasts



- OAI5 Home**
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CERN workshop on Innovations in Scholarly Communication (OAI5)

18-20 April 2007

CERN

[Home](#) > Workshop Announcements

Please return to this page for further announcements.

03 May 2007:

Webcast files are now available for each presentation from the [program page](#).

25 April 2007:

The conference **feedback form** is available! Thank you in advance for completing it.

25 April 2007:

As part of OAI5 - the 5th Workshop on Innovations in Scholarly Communication, held at the CERN Laboratories in Geneva, Switzerland, the SHERPA partnership was presented with the 2007 SPARC Europe Award for Outstanding Achievements in Scholarly Communications... Read more in the [press release](#).

Scholarly blogs

OPEN ACCESS NEWS

News from the open access movement

Saturday, July 07, 2007

Another journal converts to OA

The [British Journal of Healthcare Computing & Information Management](#) has moved to a new publisher ([Birchley Hall Press](#)) and converted to OA at the same time. For more details, see the June 18 [announcement](#).

Birchley Hall Press also publishes the OA journal, [Medical Technology Business Europe](#).

 Posted by Peter Suber at 7/07/2007 06:19:00 PM.

Measuring the "added value" of copy editing

Alma Swan, [What a difference a publisher makes](#), *Optimal Scholarship*, July 7, 2007. Excerpt;

How important, how much, how good? Sometimes it's needed and sometimes it's not. Sometimes it's not even provided. Does it matter? Copy editing, that's what I'm talking about. It's a special little focus of interest at the moment because publishers claim it as an important area of added value and want to demonstrate how much they contribute to the integrity of scholarly literature through providing it, while the proponents of self-archiving counter-claim that the author's final version of an article - the one which contains all the changes advised or required by the peer review process - is a perfectly adequate version to be deposited in a digital repository for open access purposes....

The open access movement: Putting peer-reviewed scientific and scholarly literature on the internet. Making it available free of charge and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions. Removing the barriers to serious research.

New to the concept of open access? See my [Open Access Overview](#).

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Scholarly Blogs

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IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE ANYONE CAN INSTANTLY ACCESS ALL OF THE WORLD'S SCHOLARLY KNOWLEDGE - AS PROFOUND A CHANGE AS THE INVENTION OF THE PRINTING PRESS. TECHNICALLY, THIS IS WITHIN REACH. ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS A LITTLE IMAGINATION, TO RECONSIDER THE ECONOMICS OF SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATIONS FROM A POETIC VIEWPOINT.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2007

Dramatic Growth of Open Access June 2007 Update

The Dramatic Growth of Open Access continues, on both the gold (open access publishing) and green (open access self-archiving) roads. Some noteworthy highlights: PubMedCentral, the world's largest open access archive, noted a significant milestone on June 21: the millionth article (thanks to Peter Suber on Open Access News. An OAIster search now includes close to 12 million items, an increase of over 4 million items

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News

2007-Mar-14

Canada's New Government Supports the Canadian Association of Research Libraries

2007-Mar-02

AlouetteCanada welcomes CIDL members

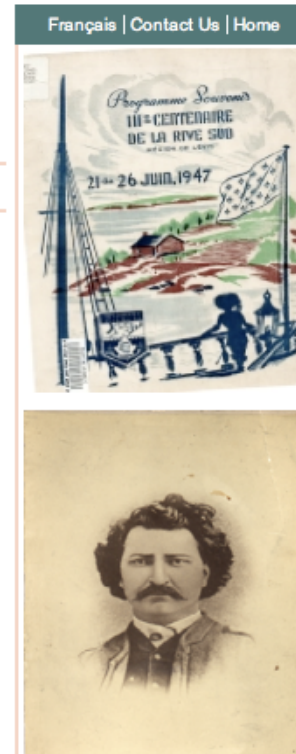
2006-Oct-16

Brian Bell appointed Director of AlouetteCanada

Events

Imagine a country...

- where every citizen has the opportunity to access its online cumulative cultural heritage.
- which is able to harness the will and energy of every library, archive, gallery, museum, historical society or institute of record to create a comprehensive collection of digital resources for the benefit of its citizens.
- committed to eliminating barriers of access, not only physical but geographical.
- where urban and rural areas are as one, and where the official motto "A Mari usque ad Mare" (from sea to sea) represents a statement of purpose and not simply of space



Alouette Canada alouettecanada.ca

Academic & public libraries, museums, archives

The “Item” of the Future



a series of overlapping collections, with links...

E-Portfolios

- Scholar's works - many formats
- University output (IR)
- Funding agency output
- Research assignment - handed in with the works cited (not citations - the works!)

Library collection of the future

- Data
- Open Access Archives
- Digital Collections
- Articles & Books: Electronic & Print
- Multimedia
- Links and linked works
- Special Collections
- E-Portfolios
- Scholarly Blogs
- Wikis...

Issues for library collections in the future

- Preservation of electronic collections in many formats
- Preservation of links and linked items
- Selection criteria
- Ensuring access, or, is one copy of an item in a faraway country good enough?

Search tools

- artificial intelligence techniques
 - data mining
 - More sophisticated queries
- controlled vocabulary and collections (e.g. PubMedCentral, arXiv)

Key Collections Issues

- Transitioning to open access
- Collecting and preserving electronic information in many formats
- Multiple copies for security of access

Librarian roles

- Planning, collecting, preserving, and making accessible: scholarly output of various types
- Reference question: from
 - where can I find info? To:
 - how do I know I'm not missing something essential?
- Instruction: resources, and how to access them

Transitioning: A simple vision statement

The purpose of our library is to support the scholarly communications needs of faculty and students.

- Collections through purchase
- Building open access collections

Transitioning: suggested key goals

- Plan for evolutionary change
- Economic support for open access
- Smart support
 - Cost effective solutions
 - Open Access, not Free Access
 - Change in the right direction
- Support the dissemination of scholarly output of our organizations

Support Open Access (not free access)

Budapest Open Access Initiative

<http://www.soros.org/openaccess/index.shtml>

- permitting any users to ***read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of these articles, crawl them for indexing, pass them as data to software, or use them for any other lawful purpose***
- Author attribution

Transitioning: journals

- Free hosting & basic technical support for open access publishing by faculty
- Encourage & support - or develop - open access publishing cooperatives our faculty are, or could be, involved in

Transitioning: journals

- Negotiate steps towards open access with subscriptions licenses
 - Author's rights
 - Combined subscriptions / open choice
 - Quality & Quantity clauses for journals not in transition
- Prioritize support for journals in transition - all else being equal, keep the journal that allows self-archiving

Economics: cost per article

- Most OA journals do not charge article processing fees
- Charges more likely with subscription than OA journals (Kaufman-Wills, The Facts About Open Access, ALPSP, 2005
http://www.alpsp.org/ngen_public/default.asp?ID=200)
- Average cost /article key to cost-effectiveness

Economics: article processing fees

- Payers:
 - Funding agencies
 - Departments
 - Library Budgets
 - Other
 - special university budgets?
 - Subsidy - government, membership?

Article Processing Fees & Library Coordination

- Coordination - invoicing efficiencies for:
 - Research producers (e.g. funding agencies, universities)
 - Open access publishers
- Why the library?
 - Our knowledge (e.g. what is open access)
 - Facilitate transition from subs to OA
 - Hybrid publishers: facilitate combined APF / subscriptions negotiations
 - Position the library for an open access future

Article Processing Fees: Library vs. Department / Faculty Budget

- Department / Faculty payment advantages
 - Faculty awareness of costs of publishing
 - Market incentive to moderate costs
 - Disincentive to excessive focus on *quantity* of publication (e.g. least publishable bits)
- Library Budget advantages
 - Minimize faculty resistance
 - Facilitates gradual transition subs to OA
- Combined cost-sharing approach

APF Approval Plan? Based on

- Quality of Publishing (Library / Faculty Committee?)
- True open access
- Cost-efficiency / cost-sharing, e.g.
 - OA publishers' membership / discount plans
 - Cap library contribution
 - Sliding scale? E.g.:
 - 100% up to \$750
 - 60% up to \$1,500
 - 50% up to \$2,000

Reorganizing for change

- Engage staff in change towards exciting new roles in an OA future, e.g.:
- Copyright officers \Rightarrow author's rights consultants
- Interlibrary loans \Rightarrow institutional repository
- Reference / liaison \Rightarrow Includes scholarly communications

Conclusions

- Begin with the vision
- The library can play a key role into the future
- Transition can be evolutionary
- Support change - with caution
 - True open access
 - Cost-efficient solutions
- Library hosting & technical support for OA journals
- Coordinating role in APF invoicing
- Reorganize for OA

Questions?

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