Open Access Week 2014

Open Access Week will be celebrated worldwide October 20 - 26. What is open access? Open access is a form of publishing where publications are online, free to readers, and do not have as many copyright restrictions on their use as traditional publications. The process usually gets your work to the market more quickly than the regular publication process and opens up your scholarly output to a wider audience.

There are numerous ways to take the open access plunge. Northwestern University’s Center for Scholarly Communication & Digital Curation can help you navigate your author’s agreement and find an open access method that will work for you. Did you know about NU's Open Access Fund?

During OA Week, a number of events highlighting open access will take place both on and off campus (see below).

Open Access Week Events at NU

Monday, October 20, 2014 | 3:30 - 4:30pm
NUL Forum room, University Library, Evanston Campus

Open Access 101
Claire Stewart, Head, Digital Collections and Scholarly Communication Services, Northwestern University Library
Josh Honn, Digital Scholarship Librarian, Northwestern University Library
John Blosser, Head, Electronic Resources and Collection Analysis, Northwestern University Library

What is Open Access? How has the movement to expand public access to research changed the way we do publishing and scholarship? This session will present an introduction to open access, a brief historical overview, and updates on recent developments, including expanding federal mandates around providing free public access and the rapid rise of the open textbook movement.

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 | 2:00 - 3:30pm
NUL Ver Steeg Lounge, University Library, Evanston Campus

Sharing Collections through Shared Stewardship: A HathiTrust Progress Report
Mike Furlough, Executive Director, HathiTrust

HathiTrust was founded in 2008 as a partnership of libraries devoted to collecting, organizing, preserving, and sharing the record of human knowledge. Since then it has grown rapidly and become a key part of our community’s planning for the future. In 2011 HathiTrust held a constitutional convention that set strategic directions and established a new governance and cost model. As we have matured, the landscape has continued to change, but our partnership's commitment to shared stewardship and collective action remains the same. Executive director Mike Furlough will report on HathiTrust's
recent accomplishments, current initiatives and outline issues the partnership will begin to address. To provide local perspective, Northwestern librarians Geoff Swindells and Claire Stewart will join Mike in an informal Q&A at the end of his talk.

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 | 2:00 - 3:30pm
NUL Ver Steeg Lounge, University Library, Evanston Campus

Stalking the Public Domain: (Qualified) Crowdsourcing Copyright Reviews on Digitized Books
Melissa Levine, Lead Copyright Officer, University of Michigan

What would it take to pull together the expertise to perform copyright reviews on 11 million digitized books? The University of Michigan has led two successful projects to begin to form an answer to this question, coordinating trained reviewers from now 17 institutions to assess the copyright status of digitized books held in the HathiTrust shared digital book library. To date, partners on the IMLS-funded Copyright Review Management System projects (CRMS US and CRMS World) have performed 312,629 copyright determinations for US-published books and an additional 103,090 determinations for books published in Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom (but who's counting). What does this mean for a responsible search for the public domain? Melissa Levine, Lead Copyright Officer at the University of Michigan and Principal Investigator for the CRMS projects, will provide an overview, talk about its successes and challenges, and explain why these efforts are critical to fulfilling the promise of the public domain. Staff of the Northwestern University Library and Northwestern University Press who have participated as CRMS reviewers will join Melissa in an informal Q&A at the end of her talk.

Open Access Resources at Galter

Resources

The Galter Library has put together a number of resources to help you understand open access and its benefits.

Open Access Publishing: Why Faculty Should Care
Open Access, Impact Factors, and Scientific Publishing
Open Access Resources Guide
Open Access GalterList
NIH Public Access Policy

To find out more about Open Access Week events across the world, check out the OA Week 2014 website. Contact Pamela Shaw, Biosciences Librarian at Galter Library, with your questions, comments, and recommendations about open access and open access resources.