Open Access Week 2017

Open Access Week celebrates its 10-year anniversary this week, October 24-30, with the theme: Open in order to ______________.

This year’s theme is an invitation to answer the question of what concrete benefits can be realized by making scholarly outputs openly available. “Open in order to…” serves as a prompt to move beyond talking about openness in itself and focus on what openness enables—in an individual discipline, at a particular institution, or in a specific context; then to take action to realize these benefits.

Open in order to increase the impact of my scholarship.

Open in order to enable more equitable participation in research.

Open in order to improve public health.

These are just a few examples of how this question can be answered.

Open Access Resources at Galter and NU

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

- Open Access Publishing Guide
- Open Access, Impact Factors, and Scientific Publishing
- Open Access GalterList
- Open Access Health Resources
- NIH Public Access Policy
- DigitalHub, Northwestern Medicine’s institutional repository.

Northwestern University's Scholarly Research Services can also help you navigate the open access landscape. Contact them for help with your author’s agreement and finding an open access method that will work for you.
To find out more about Open Access Week events across the world, check out the OA Week 2017 website. Contact Pamela Shaw, Biosciences Librarian at Galter Library, with your questions, comments, and recommendations about open access and open access resources.

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**DigitalHub: Get Started Quickly with Open Access**

Maybe you're a little intimidated by all the options for open access or don't think it's for you. Open Access Week 2017 is also the two year anniversary of DigitalHub, Northwestern Medicine’s institutional repository. Uploading materials to DigitalHub is a great way to get your feet wet in the open access landscape.

Galter's librarians have put together a few examples of how you might use DigitalHub to share your scholarship with a wider audience:

- [Share and Preserve Your Work from Conferences and Meetings on DigitalHub](#)
- [DigitalHub Now Supports Datasets](#)
- [DOIs and ARKs Ensure Reliable Sharing and Tracking](#)
- [Sharing, Publishing, and Archiving Your Work](#)

If you have questions or need help determining which of your scholarly outputs can be posted to DigitalHub, please contact the DigitalHub team using DigitalHub’s contact form, send an e-mail to DigitalHub@northwestern.edu, or contact your liaison librarian. Happy Open Access Week!