ACRL STS-IL Monthly Chat – October 2013

“The sensitive issue of open access in STEM information literacy”
Bonnie L. Fong (Rutgers University-Newark)
Rebecca K. Miller (Virginia Tech)

Abigail Goben: Agree with what RITA said about tenure--lot of worry that it won't be encouraged by senior faculty for tenure

Marjorie Mitchell: There is concern that Open Access journals don't have Impact Factors

Cristina Caminita: yes, the open access model clashing with tenure requirements is also an issue

Matt Marsteller: We've set up a fund for OA authors.

Helen Cummings: generation specific, primarily older faculty like the status quo

Abigail Goben: We have one too Matt

Robin Champieux: Yes, we too have an oa fund

Matt Marsteller: echo echo echo

Rebecca Miller: We have one, too, at VT!

Brad Gulliford: Your next question might be: do we have a fund to subsidize the fee--our people howl at the expense.

Kristin Laughtin: I tried to set up a fund as well but it was shot down for this year.
Sara Scheib: We also have a OA fund

Jane Monson: we are in the process of planning a fund

Eric Snajdr: IUPUI recently began offering a fund

Nancy Herther: We also have a small fund for OA authors and an adedendum that is to be used with traditional publishers

Megan Toups: we find that it shouldn't negatively impact tenure, but postively (esp if going green OA); if they publish in traditional journal but then also put a copy in our repository, they actually have a chance to get even MORE impact, which is good for their tenure files

Matt Marsteller: Wealthy donor helps. :-)

Sara Scheib: But it is only available to researchers who are not receiving grant funding.

Robin Champieux: Library...pilot project.
Abigail Goben: Library and the Provost joint funded

Rebecca Miller: Both!

Kristin Laughtin: Would have been an additional fund granted to the library

Marjorie Mitchell: Our office of research has a small fund. Librarians help faculty find platinum OA journals

Jennifer Lee: Library funded

Abigail Goben: here are the details of ours if anyone would like to see

Abigail Goben: http://researchguides.uic.edu/ROAAP

Matt Marsteller: Donor funded

Allegra Swift: is it ever written into grants?

Eric Snajdr: at IUPUI - the fund is provided by key stakeholders on the campus including the IUPUI University Library, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, IU School of Dentistry and the Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

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Robin Champieux: We also have memberships to PLoS and BMC...which extends discounts to authors on APCs

Brad Gulliford: We've thought of setting up a fund, with regular library budget; haven't worked out the details/battles.

Cristina Caminita: yes, we've had researchers write OA publishing costs into grants

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Megan Toups: our funding is coming from The Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs: Budget and Research

Matt Marsteller: Yes ... grants seem to be allowing it now.

Allegra Swift: faculty proponent on OA and undergrad work http://scholarship.claremont.edu/pomona_fac_pub/377/

Megan Toups: varies, some pro, some con, some agnostic; we are trying to focus most on green-OA, which lets us actually show how this can help them increase their scholarly profile and impact and doesn't negatively impact where they publish
Brad Gulliford: We don't have so many advocates of OA journals as we have people publishing their own journals/Web whatevers--"scholarly skywriting"

Megan Toups: usually when we couch this way faculty don't really have an issue with that and are excited to see a way to get more citations for their articles

Cristina Caminita: our faculty senate passed a resolution to encourage open access efforts on campus, so we do have faculty support

Marjorie Mitchell: Personally, I have noticed that faculty who oppose it are the least informed about it. The new policy on archiving helps.

Rebecca Miller: Here at VT, we have both, of course, although more are becoming interested in the topic--I see myself more as a proponent of "OA literacy," though, helping faculty understand the good OA publishers, and the bad

Moriana Garcia: OA is not discussed very much in my campus. Isolated faculty have requested information or asked about memberships to Plos

Robin Champieux: We have a handful of strong advocates, no loud detractors. Generally neutral attitudes towards OA

Matt Marsteller: We got four faculty speakers for OA week ... thankfully there are more than just those four though. No real detractors except editors of traditional journals.

Rebecca Miller: Peter Suber's definition of Green and Gold OA: http://legacy.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm

Kristin Laughtin: Same as Rebecca, my job will be to help faculty know and understand their options

Brad Gulliford: Marjorie: yep! Problem is more lack of knowledge than actual objections.

Matt Marsteller: Yes ... lack of knowledge.

Shannon Kipphut-Smith: We try to work with existing workflows. I mediate a lot of deposits

Allegra Swift: we do it

Megan Toups: we encourage the retention of their copyright, and then we encourage them to either submit postprints to us, or to send us their CVs and then we do the work to get the papers up

Megan Toups: combo of librarians and undergrad student workers

Allegra Swift: maybe I misunderstood the questions. retaining copyright?

Marjorie Mitchell: We are doing an OA Wall of Fame this year to feature all the faculty who either published OA or archived their articles in our repository. We are aiming at peer-pressure.
Brad Gulliford: I forget whether we require it--I think it's voluntary, and yes, it's a workflow/grad student do it thing. They're concerned about requirements/procedures, just like with the NSF data plan requirement.

Allegra Swift: that too

Sarah Wipperman: admin staff and library interns, mostly. Some departments/schools are more involved than others

Matt Marsteller: Not mandated, but some really strong volunteers. Some folks stuff was put up without permission of the authors. that ruffled some feathers.

Allegra Swift: we train students to go through CV

Mel DeSart: If you want content deposited, you'd BETTER have library staff, student or otherwise, willing to help with deposit, because it's not a high enough priority for most faculty to do it themselves.

Megan Toups: we have mostly been talking one on one with faculty who are willing to participate and going to department meetings

Allegra Swift: we contact publishers for permission

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Moriana Garcia: We do not do it yet, our repository is just starting. Small college...

Allegra Swift: anybody use SWORD?

Cristina Caminita: We're just starting our repository, too

Marjorie Mitchell: I remember seeing that award as well. I can't remember what it was called either. I did send it out to faculty I knew who publish OA. None were able to apply this year, but they appreciated the information.

Moriana Garcia: I like the idea of the OA Wall of Fame...

Matt Marsteller: Any good efforts at auto harvesting of content for repositories?

Brad Gulliford: We have a CV linking function (like Allegra) that if they input it right, the system puts in the URL.

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Matt Marsteller: Yes Shannon ... definitely agree!

Brad Gulliford: Might it be a good idea to emphasize that OA isn't that much of a stretch (still have quality, peer rev., etc.), rather than encouraging them to venture into the unknown?

Matt Marsteller: How to take apart common arguments ... guess I'd better look at those elevator speeches.

Mel DeSart: Just hope that everyone has had a chance to read "Intersections of Scholarly Communication and Information Literacy: Creating Strategic Collaborations for a Changing Academic Environment". It's openly available at http://acrl.ala.org/intersections/

Sarah Wipperman: I've seen that many established journals have been adding OA options as of late...

Mel DeSart: Not a book - an ACRL white paper

Marjorie Mitchell: Mu colleague is putting together some "Common Myths about OA" information posters for OA.

Bonnie Fong: Matt - we could prob. provide all kinds of citations from library world, but until we show the faculty something from the science world that supports it, they not pay attn.

Abigail Goben: We need to be *being* examples. Having to debate with a publisher on your own rights is scary! Been there, done that
Brad Gulliford: What motivates faculty towards OA (or anything) is deans. And deans know everybody wants them to promote . . . everything.

Bonnie Fong: For those with OA policies at their univ., who's expected to adhere to them? Just faculty? Students doing research, too? If the latter must, who's training them about it? Might be an oppty. for librarians to share their knowledge...

Allegra Swift: students

Shannon Kipphut-Smith: Faculty

Allegra Swift: and it is part of the graduation process to turn in their thesis

Abigail Goben: Ours is just our library faculty right now but the Biss bill in Illinois may expand that

Marjorie Mitchell: All our theses and dissertations are OA on our Institutional Repository

Allegra Swift: anyoneese with undergrad thesis

Allegra Swift: ?

Brad Gulliford: T&D's go into repository, so they're OA; but journal papers are another thing.

Cristina Caminita: we have undergrad theses but they are not OA

Mel DeSart: Graduate student theses and dissertations all go into our IR, but the students have the ability to _temporarily_ NOT have their content be OA.

Matt Marsteller: Best chat I've seen ... period.

Rebecca Miller: Agreed!

Rebecca Miller: Thank you ALL!

Anne Langley: thanks

Marjorie Mitchell: Mel, we have an embargo available on our theses and dissertations, too - 6 months only, I think.

Allegra Swift: please send to those who signed up? or at least the acholcom

Moriana Garcia: Thanks!

Rebecca Miller: Ooh, good call Allegra--good idea!

Allegra Swift: thanks all

Abigail Goben: Thank you!
nirmala gunapala: Thank you!!

Allison Payne*: You're welcome

Jeffra Bussmann: Thank You!!!

Marjorie Mitchell: Thanks everyone - great session

Shannon Kipphut-Smith: thanks!

Rebecca Miller: Thank you, bye!

Bonnie Fong: Thank you, everyone!

Marjorie Mitchell: Bonnie - your microphone is still on

Bonnie Fong: Oops! thanks!