Canada’s new Open Access Policy: what does it mean for Brock researchers?

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Today’s outcomes

You will recall:

- main characteristics of Canada’s Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications
- Library services supporting Open Access:
  - Brock Digital Repository
  - Scholarly Journals @ Brock
  - Library Open Access Publishing Fund
  - Scholarly communication expertise
Quick poll!

1. Are you familiar with Open Access?

2. Are you familiar with Canada’s Open Access policy?
Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications

- announced Feb. 27; takes effect May 1
- affects recipients of grants from NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR (already has OA policy)
- more info:
  - www.science.gc.ca > Research Funding Collaborations > Policies and Guidelines > Open Access
Policy highlights

“Grant recipients are required to ensure that any peer-reviewed journal publications arising from Agency-supported research are freely accessible within 12 months of publication.”

Via:
- online archives
- Open Access journals
“All researchers, regardless of funding support, are encouraged to adhere to this policy.”
What is Open Access?

- Scholarly content that is free to the end user
  - usually few restrictions on re-use
- more info:
  - researchguides.library.brocku.ca/OA
Two flavours

Green:
- OA via online archiving
  - Subject or institutional repository
  - Can be embargoed e.g. 12 month delay

Gold
- Immediate publication via an OA journal
  - Some charge APCs (article processing charges)
What *don’t* we know?

1. How will it be enforced?

2. Other qs:
   a. will TC3 develop publisher agreements to facilitate archiving?
   b. does the archive have to be in Canada?
   c. will other article versions be accepted?
   d. and many more ...
What does this mean for you?

- know what Open Access is/isn’t
- know your publication options:
  - awareness of publisher policies on online archiving, copyright > what can you archive?
  - how to choose a “good” OA journal
- know that the Library is here to help!
Part 1: Finding relevant OA journals

- Directory of Open Access journals - doaj.org
- EBSCO’s Serials Directory - via Library
- Open Science Directory - opensciencedirectory.net
- JURN: free arts & humanities journals - jurn.org
- Scholarly Journals @ Brock www.brocku.ca/library/about-us-lib/openaccess/scholarly-journals-at-brock
Part 2: Selecting the *right* OA journal

Check journal’s:

- Aims & Scope
- Editorial board
- Abstracting/indexing
- Impact measures
- Fee statement

Image: [www.jennys-sketchbook.com/2012/08/art-tip-5-how-to-choose-journal.html](http://www.jennys-sketchbook.com/2012/08/art-tip-5-how-to-choose-journal.html)
Still wondering?

- Does it belong to the Open Access Scholarly Publishers’ Association (oaspa.org)?
- Is it on a watchlist?:
  - Beall’s list of “Potential, possible or probable predatory scholarly open-access publishers” - scholarlyoa.com/publishers
- Ask your librarian!
Paying for OA publication

- Most OA journals *don’t* charge APCs
- APCs can be covered by grant funds
- Library OA publishing fund may also help

Avoid hybrid journals!

Image: http://ca.ign.com/articles/2006/03/21/titan-quest
Going green: archiving

- placing articles in an open online archive
- appears to be Agencies’ preferred OA option
Repositories

- An archival / persistent place to host electronic copies of things:
  - Preprints
  - Final Manuscripts
  - Grey Literature
  - Open Access works
Repositories

- Sometimes by Discipline
  - arXiv.org
  - PubMed Central

- Sometimes by Institution
Repositories

- What Repositories are available?
- OpenDOAR
- www.opendoar.org
Brock Digital Repository

- Started 2007
- 5000 items uniquely from Brock
- Available to you to deposit your work
Brock Digital Repository

- Indexed in Google Scholar
- Has Global Audience
- Top Item Last Year:

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Critical Media Literacy and Disney Female Characters
Brock Digital Repository

http://dr.library.brocku.ca

Login with Portal Account
Find your discipline and click submit
… Before you Submit however…

- Let's look at copyright!
- Are you allowed to post this?
Sherpa RoMEO

- [http://sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/](http://sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/)
- lists policies for journal article submissions into repositories
Depositing Material

- I have an Open Access article I'd like to deposit in the Repository…
More about the policy

- www.science.gc.ca > Research Funding Collaborations > Policies and Guidelines > Open Access > Toolbox
More resources

- Scholarly Communication and Open Access Guide - researchguides.library.brocku.ca/OA
- Open Access Journals - researchguides.library.brocku.ca/OA/journals
- Open Access Repositories -- researchguides.library.brocku.ca/OA/repositories
- Article Versioning - researchguides.library.brocku.ca/OA/articleversioning
Questions?

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