The Rewards of Library Publishing at an Academic Medical Research Center

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Outline

- Background
- eScholarship@UMMS publishing platform
- Journal of eScience Librarianship
- Publishing program successes
- Library publishing services
- Challenges & Opportunities (& some Resources)
Mission
Collect, organize, disseminate and showcase research and educational works of UMass Medical school authors and others.

Open Access
Published content includes peer-reviewed electronic journals, student ETDs, and conference proceedings.

eScholarship@UMMS
Repository and publishing system on the bepress Digital Commons platform
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UMass Medical School
Published by Lamar Soutter Library at UMass Medical School
Publishing activities began in 2007.
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About Journal of eScience Librarianship

- JeSLIB launched in 2012 at escholarship.umassmed.edu/jeslib
- Edited and published by a team of 4 librarians
- Mission: Explores the many roles of librarians in supporting the management of scientific research data (education, outreach, collaborations, policy, tools, best practices)
- Jointly funded by the Lamar Soutter Library and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine
Publishing program successes

- Growing readership
- JeSLIB partnership with RDAP
- 2020 host for the Library Publishing Forum
- Indexed in DOAJ
- Institutional support
- Platform utilization
Library publishing

Advocate and Consultant
open access & best practices

Preservation
digital preservation solutions

Dissemination
ISSNs, DOIs, Creative Commons licenses, DOAJ, altmetrics

Marketing and Promotion
social media

Publishing and Editing
credibility & accountability

Formatting and Design
digital production
Scholarly publishing services
Challenges and opportunities: editing our own journal

- Peer Review
  - Enlisting reviewers
  - Evolving peer review
- Journal title and scope
- Manuscript recruitment
- Communication
- Keeping up with developments in scholarly publishing
Challenges and opportunities: hosting faculty/student journals

- Staffing
- Budget
- Indexing
  - “How do we get an impact factor?”
  - “How do we get into PubMed?”
- Preservation
- Platform considerations
- Entrenched notions about scholarly publishing in STEM
Library publishing resources

- Library Publishing Coalition
- Society for Scholarly Publishing (SSP)
- Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA)
- Platform/repository community (bepress Digital Commons, DSpace, OJS)
- ALA’s SCHOLCOMMM discussion list
- Blogs such as The Scholarly Kitchen
Thank you!

Credits

Workstation Office: pixabay.com
Book Silhouette: pixabay.com
Icons: http://www.slidescarnival.com
Open Access: https://www.flickr.com/photos/epist/8495403533
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