



# Foundations of Open Access

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# Agenda

What is Open Access

Brief History of Open Access

Routes of Open Access

How Libraries can support  
Open Access

# What is Open Access?

Open Access is a set of practices and principles which help facilitate the online distribution of research without access charges or other barriers (Suber)

The main focus is peer reviewed research literature, but can also include other research output such as theses, conference papers, reports, etc.



# What is Open Access?

Some Open Access models include reducing copyright barriers, either by reducing the barrier or just removing the copyright barrier outright

There are two main different routes of Open Access, Green and Gold, which will be discussed later in this presentation

There are also other models of Open Access, including Hybrid, Bronze, Diamond/Platinum, and Black

# What is Open Access?

## Open Access Publishing:

Articles are published in open access journals

No subscription paywalls

Research is freely available online

Increases the number of citations for open access papers

## Conventional Publishing:

Articles are published in subscription-based journals

Only those with subscriptions can view published papers

No library has subscriptions to all journals

Limits the outreach of research, especially to public

Researcher's work may not be visible to the world



# History of Open Access

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Open Access can trace its origins back from the beginning days of the internet in the early 1990s

One project that Open Access can trace its origins to is arXiv, which was launched in 1991

Another project important to the core of Open Access is the creation of the National Institute of Health's PubMedCentral, which launched in 2000

# History of Open Access

In 2002 and 2003 a series of meetings took place which formed the definition of open access (Suber)

This definition of open access is: "Open access literature is digital, online free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions." (Suber)





# Routes of Open Access

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Think of “Routes” as levels or types of Open Access, and many different types of Open Access exist

There are two main types of Open Access, Green Access and Gold Access

# Routes of Open Access

Green Access:

Depositing research articles in an open access repository, could be an institutional repository

Also called “self-archiving”

Immediate or Delayed Open Access, depending on the publisher

# Routes of Open Access

## Gold Access:

Publishing in an Open Access journal

Peer reviewed version of articles is immediately available online free of cost to anyone worldwide

Readers can copy, share or distribute

Immediate Open Access via the publisher



Supporting  
Open Access

# Supporting Open Access

There are many ways libraries can support Open Access, a few of these being:

Creating an institutional repository - [LSU Health New Orleans Digital Scholar](#)

Hosting an Open Access Week to promote awareness

Preparing guides to Open Access - [Open Access LibGuide](#)



# Summary

OA is a set of principles

Two main types, Green and Gold

History goes back 30+ years

Not just peer reviewed literature

Many ways for libraries to support OA

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