COMING SOON to ACRL | NEC!  
An 
OPEN ACCESS REPOSITORY 
for Conference Proceedings and Other Materials

History

At the 2015 ACRL|NEC Summer Board retreat, a proposal was made to create an open source outlet for publication maintained by ACRL|NEC. That initiative grew over the next two years, as advice and recommendations were solicited from the membership culminating in the decision to create an Open Access Repository (OAR) for materials presented at conferences/events under the ACRL|NEC umbrella.

The repository will be hosted on UMass Amherst’s ScholarWorks site, a digital archive on the Bepress Digital Commons platform optimized for sharing, publishing, and tracking the impact of scholarly works. It will include both future and past materials migrated from other venues.

Materials will be organized by conference and by SIG. Each SIG will determine their own editorial process, up to and including peer-review. This will be an excellent opportunity to showcase the contributions to the profession made by ACRL|NEC’s constituency and we are excited to celebrate its arrival!

Proposed Submission Workflow for ACRL New England Open Access Repository

- **Deposit Options**
  - Open A: Authors prepare conference abstract & submit for editorial review
  - Open B: SIG elected official prepares conference abstract & submit for editorial review
  - Restricted: SIG elected official prepares conference abstract & submit for editorial review

- **Submissions to OAR Repository**
  - Redistribution for peer review
  - SIG elected official prepares conference abstract & submit for editorial review

- **Review & acceptance**
  - Scholarly communication
  - SIG elected official prepares conference abstract & submit for editorial review

- **Publication**
  - SIG elected official prepares conference abstract & submit for editorial review

- **Impact**
  - SIG elected official prepares conference abstract & submit for editorial review

Key
- Author
- SIG
- Repository (editorial)

SIG Involvement

ACRL|NEC Special Interest Groups (SIGs) may elect to be included in the Open Access Repository

- Each SIG may appoint an OAR administrator, who will be trained to enter materials
- SIGs will decide which content they would like to include and how it will be determined (e.g. all content, peer-review, etc.)
- Past SIG conference materials may be added to the Repository

SIGs include:
- Access Services Group (ASIG)
- Collection Development Interest Group (CDIG)
- Electronic Resources Management Interest Group (ERMIG)
- Information Technology Interest Group (ITIG)
- New England Library Instruction Group (NELIG)
- Scholarly Communication Interest Group (SCIG)
- Women & Gender Studies Interest Group (WGSIG)

Get Involved!

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