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UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES AND PARTNERS HOST OPEN ACCESS WEEK OCTOBER 21-25

Amherst, MA – Open Access Week, a global event in its seventh year, will be held from October 21 to October 25 this year. As part of the 2013 Open Access Week, the UMass Amherst Libraries will host a series of events relevant to open access, copyright and fair use, data sharing, electronic theses and dissertations, sustainability, and celebrate their publishing services for open access journals and conferences. All events are free and open to the public. The full schedule is available at http://scholarworks.umass.edu/oa/2013/.

Monday, October 21: Open Access Week Kickoff Webcast

Open Access: Redefining Impact
University Libraries Office of Scholarly Communication
Place: Du Bois Library, Room 1620
Time: 3:00-4:00pm
We are pleased to announce the lineup of speakers for the SPARC/World Bank Global Open Access Week kickoff event. This event features a 60-minute panel discussion on the topic of "Open Access: Redefining Impact." Panelists representing a diverse set of stakeholders – scientific researchers, publishers, technologists and policy makers – will examine the potential positive impacts that can result when research results are shared freely in the digital environment.

The panel, moderated by SPARC Executive Director Heather Joseph, features:

- Dr. Stefano Bertuzzi, Executive Director of the American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB)
- Brett Bobley, Chief Information Officer for the National Endowment for the Humanities
- Dr. Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Director of Scholarly Communication of the Modern Language Association
- Dr. Michael Stebbins, Assistant Director for Biotechnology in the Science Division of the White House Office of Science & Technology Policy
- Dr. Cameron Neylon, Advocacy Director for Public Library of Science

See more information about the event program: http://www.sparc.arl.org/events/oaweek2013kickoff

Tuesday, October 22

Publishing Your Dissertations: Open Access / Embargo / Other Options? What's In Your Best Interest?
Panel discussion: Brian Ogilvie, Laura Quilter, Bruce Wilcox, Graduate student Kate Freedman from History Department
Place: Herter Hall, Room 601
Time: 4:00 – 5:30pm
Heated discussion erupted over the American Historical Association statement urging universities to allow PhD recipients to embargo their electronic dissertation for up to six years while they pursue a book contract. Harvard University Press responded with a blog post that made a convincing case that immediate open access could be advantageous. Some institutions have recently changed their open access and embargo policies. This panel will provide faculty, librarian, University Press, and graduate student views on this timely topic followed by Q&A.
Light refreshments will be served.
Co-sponsored by the University Libraries, the Graduate School, and the UMass Amherst Digital Humanities Initiative.

Wednesday, October 23

Open Access, Copyright, and Fair Use for Theses and Dissertations

Meghan Bergin & Laura Quilter
Place: Du Bois Library, Room 1320
Time: 12:00-1:30 pm

This event will give graduate students an overview of open access and the benefits of choosing open access for electronic theses and dissertations. An overview of copyright and fair use as it relates to theses and dissertations will also be presented. Discussion time will explore graduate students' thoughts and questions about open access and copyright issues.

Pizza and beverages will be served. RSVP to mbanach@library.umass.edu by October 19th.

Co-sponsored by the University Libraries and the Graduate School.

Wednesday, October 23

Sustainability Resources Workshop

Madeleine Charney
Place: Du Bois Library, Room 1320
Time: 2:00 - 3:00pm

The sustainability movement inspires students, faculty and staff in the classroom and across campus. Learn about Open Educational Resources which allow faculty to tailor their course material and save students money. The workshop includes a demonstration of the new Campus Sustainability Initiative page on ScholarWorks, the digital repository of UMass Amherst. Q&A time will allow time for sharing ideas about integrating reliable, cost-saving material into the curriculum.

Light refreshments will be served.

Co-sponsored by the University Libraries and the Campus Sustainability Initiative.

Thursday, October 24

Open Access Information Fair

Laura Quilter
Place: Du Bois Library, Lower Level
Time: 1:00 – 3:00pm

Open your eyes to access here at UMass. From open access to open source, open content and open science, come get your fix on all things open at UMass. Representatives from Wikipedia, the UMass Knowledge Commons Workshop, Pioneer Valley Open Science, the library, and many others will be on hand to share openly accessible resources, and help you get involved in opening access for all.

Tables will include:

Teaching services
- ereserves & videostreaming
- Image Collection Library
- Teaching Commons
- liaison services
- Open Education Initiative grants

Research & publication services
- ScholarWorks / ETDs how-to
- data mgt how-to
- Refworks
- open access statistics & data
- copyright & open access FAQs
- liaison services

UMass & the World
- Wikipedia
- open source community
- Knowledge Commons
- open science

Tables will provide open access fortune cookies

Friday, October 25

Data Sharing and Data Access. and Re-use Panel

University Libraries Data Working Group: Maxine Schmidt (chair)
Place: Du Bois Library, Room 2601
Time: noon-1:00pm

Access to existing research data is fundamental to the research process. A panel of researchers will talk about the ways they use the data gathered by others, and the obstacles to data access and re-use.

- Thomas Herndon, Graduate Student in Economics. His work has "sparked an academic and political firestorm over one of the most famous economic papers in decades, and over whether austerity or stimulus is the best route to long-term prosperity" says the Boston Globe.
- Irene Boeckmann, Graduate Student in Sociology. Boeckmann is a PhD candidate in the sociology department. Her research interests include gender, parenthood, labor market stratification, social policies and welfare states, and cross-nationally comparative analyses. Currently, she is working on her dissertation examining the employment patterns of women after the transition to motherhood from a comparative perspective. She works with Professors Joya Misra and Michelle Budig on their research project studying the relationship between the women's employment outcomes and work-family policies across 22 countries in Europe, North America and Australia.

Bring your lunch. Beverages and cookies will be provided.

Friday, October 25

Celebrating Open Access Journals and Conferences

University Libraries Office of Scholarly Communication: Marilyn Billings
Place: Du Bois Library, Room 2601
Time: 1:30 - 2:30pm

Through services offered by the University Libraries, faculty and researchers can create new open access journals and host scholarly conference proceedings. This session will showcase this service and celebrate the launch of 2 new open journals and a long-standing conference.

- communication + 1 http://scholarworks.umass.edu/cpo/ provides an open forum for exploring and sharing ideas about communication across modes of inquiry and perspectives. Its primary objective is to push the theoretical frontiers of communication as an autonomous and distinct field of research. Suspending any judgment regarding distinction between theory and practice, this forum encourages critical reflections on communication and seeks to encourage these reflections to and among those who place communication at the center of their thinking and writing.
- Journal of Medicinally Active Plants http://scholarworks.umass.edu/jmap/ facilitates scholarly exchange among those studying and/or interested in medicinally active plants and plant extracts. The Journal publishes scientific manuscripts related to the analysis, application, bioactivity, collection, conservation, cultivation, growth, harvest, identification, physiology, processing, and other issues related to medicinally active plant material.
- New England Conference for Student Success http://scholarworks.umass.edu/studentsuccess/ . Now in its 4th year, this conference focuses on a wide variety of themes central to student success.

Co-sponsored by the University Libraries, the Communication Department, Stockbridge School of Agriculture, and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Join us in celebrating the final event of Open Access Week. Cake and other light refreshments will be provided