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OPEN ACCESS WEEK OCTOBER 24-30, 2016

AMHERST, Mass. – The UMass Amherst Libraries, the UMass Graduate School, and the Office of Research will host a series of Open Access Week 2016 events relevant to open access, copyright and fair use, data sharing, and electronic theses and dissertations. All events are free and open to the public.

Open Access Week, a global event in its ninth year, will be held from October 24-30, 2016. For the full schedule of events at UMass Amherst, visit: http://scholarworks.umass.edu/oa/2016/.

The theme this year, “Open in Action,” encourages all stakeholders to take concrete steps to make their own work more openly available and encourage others to do the same. From posting pre-prints in a repository to supporting colleagues in making their work more accessible, this year’s Open Access Week will focus on moving from discussion to action in opening up our system for communicating research. For more information about International Open Access Week, visit www.openaccessweek.org.

Tuesday, October 25
Open Access, Copyright and Fair Use for Theses and Dissertations
12:30-2 p.m., W.E.B. Du Bois Library, Room 2601
This event will give graduate students an overview of open access and the benefits of choosing open access for electronic theses and dissertations. Erin Jerome, Open Access and Institutional Repository Librarian, will provide an overview of copyright and fair use as it relates to theses and dissertations. Discussion time will explore graduate students’ thoughts about open access and copyright issues. Refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by the University Libraries and the Graduate School.

Wednesday, October 26
Wikipedia Wednesday: Edit-a-Thon Workshop
12-4 p.m., W.E.B. Du Bois Library, Room 1920
Have you ever wanted to use Wikipedia in your classroom? Have you been asked to help instructors with Wikipedia assignments? Do you just think Wikipedia is great and want to help students and/or instructors use it better? Laura Quilter, Copyright and Information Policy Librarian, will include an overview of Wikipedia’s principles, an introduction to the mechanics of editing pages and communicating with others, and an overview of how the Wikipedia Education program works. Following the initial training, there will be an edit-a-thon for hands-on experience. Areas of focus this year include topics relating to sustainability and Native activism, such as the recent DAPL protests. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, October 27
Open Access and Compliance with Funder Mandates
10-11:30 am., Life Science Laboratories (LSL) S330
This workshop will provide an introduction to the current state of funder mandates and the library resources available to you to facilitate meeting compliance requirements. Thea Atwood, the Libraries’ Data Specialist, will cover the requirements of the top funders (and provide methods to gain information on the requirements for other funding agencies), resources to help you write your data management plan, the benefit of adding a digital object identifier (DOI) to your work, and sharing your scholarly outputs with ScholarWorks – both publications and data. Co-sponsored by the University Libraries and the Office of Research.