The History of SPARC and the Transformation of Open Access

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A Short History of SPARCs

Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition
SPARC North America 1997

LIBER - Association of European Research Libraries
SPARC Europe 2001

International Scholarly Communication Initiative
SPARC Japan 2003

African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AfLIA)
SPARC Africa 2015
SPARC Initiatives, over the past 20 years
(The Big View!)

• Founded on the historical goals of Collective Action
• Break Big Serials Deals
• Librarians and Scholars believed faculty can advocate for open-access mandates
• Leadership in Education
• Policy Advocacy, Government Mandates, and Legislative actions
• Creating and maintaining technical systems/IR infrastructure
• Creating Specific Standards and striving for Interoperability
• Expanding Open Science
SPARC Partnerships, Stakeholders, Influencers
(Not all of them, of course!)
SPARC has become a global coalition committed to making open the default in research and education.
“An old tradition and a new technology have converged to make possible an unprecedented public good...”

—Budapest Open Access Initiative 2002

1. Host OA research on open infrastructure.

2. Reform research assessment and rewards to improve incentives.

3. Favor inclusive publishing and distribution channels that never exclude authors on economic grounds.

4. When we spend money to publish OA research, remember the goals for which OA is the means.
Transforming OA?

Publishers

SPARC et al.

Communities

Polices

Libraries
Transforming OA

What is the focus in the USA?

- Read and Publish Agreements
- Mandates
- Infrastructure
Read and Publish Agreements

SPARC: Open Access Agreements: Factors to Consider
https://sparcopen.org/our-work/negotiation-resources/data-analysis/open-access-agreements-factors-to-consider/

Current Open Access Agreements for Ohio State Corresponding Authors

- Cambridge University Press
- De Gruyter
- Institute of Physics (IOP)
- Microbiology Society
- PLOS
- Royal Society
- Taylor & Francis
- Wiley Hybrid

Upcoming Events and Information Sessions

- Open Access Article Publishing With No Cost to Ohio State Authors (Virtual Information Session)
  February 1, 2023 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Online via Zoom
Mandates: OSTP Memo

**Ensuring Free, Immediate, and Equitable Access to Federally Funded Research** that will make taxpayer-funded research immediately available for the public to freely access and fully use. This new guidance calls on all federal agencies to generate policies that eliminate the current 12-month waiting period for access to the outputs of federally funded research, including articles and data.

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*Image source: https://guides.lib.umich.edu/open-research-and-scholarship/OSTP-memo#s-lg-box-29679902*
OA: IR Infrastructure

The U.S. Repository Network (USRN, or The Network) Action Plan 2022-2023 is guided by the community-developed strategic vision for U.S. repositories and a set of foundational characteristics.

To fulfill the vision, the USRN has the following objectives:

1. Provide a national voice for the distributed network of U.S. repositories,

2. Advocate for the role of a distributed network of repositories in our national research infrastructure,

3. Further strengthen the distributed network of repositories in the U.S., and

4. Collaborate with policymakers and funders to transform research communications.
Thank You & Questions