

## The Politics of Electronic Publishing New Developments in Scholarly Communication & Publishing

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## What is scholarly communications?

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## New Developments

- Author rights & copyright
- Open Access & Open Access Mandates
- New models of scholarly publishing & scholarly communication
  - Institutional repositories

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## The traditional model

### The Traditional Model

*How the lifecycle of scholarship is supported*

- Public granting agencies and universities fund research via tax dollars
- Faculty member does the research, writes the article/book, and initially owns the copyright
- Publishers require authors to sign over their copyright in return for publication

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- Faculty generally provide their work to the publisher for free:
  - Articles, books, editorial board services, peer review services
- Faculty often pay page charges to the publisher for article publication
- Later, publishers may charge faculty reprint fees (after all, the publisher owns the copyright)

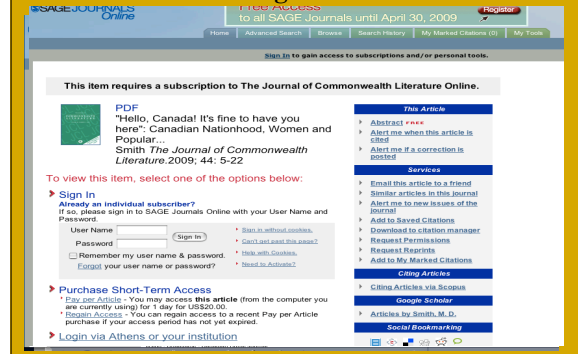
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- Publishers sell scholarly journal subscriptions/licenses to universities (via libraries)
- The publishing industry is worth billions of dollars with huge profit margins (applies mostly to STM publishers)
  - Enormous impact on scholarly book publishing industry**
  - 16.1 billion in revenues in 2006;**
  - 5.8 billion (36%) earned by top 6:**
    - Elsevier, Kluwer Health, Springer, American Chemical Society, Wiley/Blackwell (merged in 2007)
- Publishing in prestigious journals related to tenure & promotion
- Citation rates related to tenure/promotion
- Libraries provide access to and preserve content - access is restricted to faculty, students, staff of UBC and frequently walk-in users

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## A researcher discovers the perfect article. She clicks on fulltext and gets ...



...she gets what she wants but now wants to post on her website for a student reading list, share with a colleague at another institution. Is she permitted to do this? What about the author?



## The Online Paradox

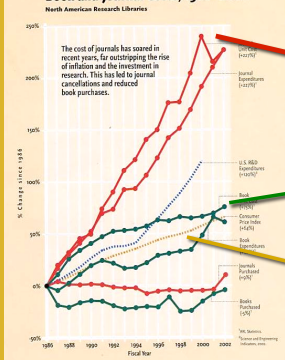
### Web removed barriers

by providing global, accessible, reliable, affordable network

### But more barriers appeared for use of material

- license restrictions determined use,
- loss of fair dealing provisions for online content,
- prohibitive costs

Book and Journal Costs, 1986-2002



Average serial price up 227%

Average book price up 65%

CPI up 57%

### The Traditional Access Model:

Moved from ownership (print) to Licensing model (online):

Access Permissions (Digital Rights Management (DRM))

Subscription costs for access

### ... Restrictive

- Copyright/licensing Permission barriers - too restrictive
- Too costly - therefore restrictive
- Existing models do not encourage free flow of information sharing.

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## Why Open Access?

- Research results are paid for twice over by public tax dollars:
  - Research grants/faculty salaries
  - Journal subscriptions
- Access to research is restricted to institutions that can afford the journals
- Public Access to information**
- Authors rights restrictions**
- Conflict of interest**

Eq. Smith R (2005) *Medical Journals Are an Extension of the Marketing Arm of Pharmaceutical Companies*. PLoS Med 2(5): e138 Published: May 17, 2005

**Technological advancement ... new authoring & publishing technologies**

## Pressure for change:

- 132 PROVOSTS support Open Access: <http://www.arl.org/sparc/advocacy/frpaa/institutions.html>
- "If universities pay the salaries of researchers and provide them with labs, and the federal government provides those researchers with grants for their studies, why should those same universities feel they can't afford to have access to research findings?" <http://insidehighered.com/news/2006/07/28/provosts>
- Researchers are putting pressure on Societies: (e.g. Royal Society members); PLoS' Open letter: <http://www.plos.org/support/openletter.shtml>
- OA publications are more often cited: Eysenbach G. *Citation advantage of open access articles*. PLoS Biol 2006;4(5):e157.

## Faculty Mandates: ie. Harvard's OA Policy

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News and Notices

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Harvard To Collect, Disseminate Scholarly Articles For Faculty

*Legislation Designed To Allow Greater Worldwide Access*

Cambridge, Mass. - February 12, 2008 - In a move to disseminate faculty research and scholarship more broadly, the Harvard University Faculty of Arts and Sciences voted today to give the University a worldwide license to make each faculty member's scholarly articles available and to exercise the copyright in the articles, provided that the articles are not sold for a profit.

In proposing the legislation, Professor Stuart M. Sheber said, "There is no question that scholarly journals have historically allowed scholars to distribute their research to audiences around the world. But, the scholarly publishing system has become far more restrictive than it need be. Many publishers will not even allow scholars to use and distribute their own work. And, the cost of journals has risen to such astronomical levels that many institutions and individuals have cancelled subscriptions, further reducing the circulation of scholars' works."

## Advocating Change

**CreateChange** Shouldn't the way we share research be as advanced as the Internet?

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"Scholars like to complain about the quality of information on the Internet, but they should also work actively to ensure that the best of historical writing is available online to the widest possible audience."

Roy Posner  
Director, Center for History and New Media  
George Mason University

## Student Activism

**freeculture.org**  
Students for free culture

home blog t-shirts chapters manifesto get involved projects about contact

Students for Free Culture is an international chapter-based student organization that promotes the public interest in intellectual property and information & communications technology policy.

**What is free culture?**

A free culture is one where all members are free to participate in its transmission and evolution, without artificial limits on who can participate or in what way. The free culture movement seeks to develop this culture by promoting four things:

- creativity and innovation;
- communication and free expression;
- public access to knowledge;
- and citizens' civil liberties.

Read more...

**Current campaign:**

Look sharp and support Students for Free Culture by purchasing a T-shirt specially designed by Patrick Moberg.

**Chapter news:**

- Free Culture 2008 Post-Storm (2009-09-20): What follows is an extremely timely wrap-up post—call it a post-mortem. Many folks wondered where to find resources, so read on to see what's available (Read More)
- Nominations Open for 2009 SFC Board Election (2009-09-20)
- Boston University Obama's Del Side with RIAA Against Boston University Student (2009-03-22): From RIAA to the People: In its first opportunity to demonstrate its position on the constitutionality of the Copyright Act's statutory damages provisions as applied to "Sound Music" (Read More)

**Local chapters:**

- Ball State University
- Berea College
- Boston University
- California State University, Northridge
- Clarkson College
- Clemson College
- Columbia State University
- Dartmouth College
- Florida State University
- Free Culture AU
- George Mason University
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Half Hollow Hills High School East
- Harvard University
- Lake Braddock Secondary School
- NTU
- Northeastern University
- Renassaur Polytechnic Institute
- SAC Free Culture
- Seattle University
- Southwestern Oregon Community College
- Swarthmore College
- Spokane High School
- The American University

## The Gold Road - Open Access Publishers

**The PLoS Journals**

**PLOS one**

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## Hybrid open access

### Publishers offering article by article payment for open accessibility

- American Chemical Society
- American Institute of Physics
- American Physical Society
- BMJ (British Medical Journal)
- Blackwell
- Cambridge University Press
- Elsevier
- Oxford University Press 
- Royal Society (IEXIS Open Choice)
- SAGE Open 
- Springer 
- Taylor and Francis 

## Traditional subscription access model

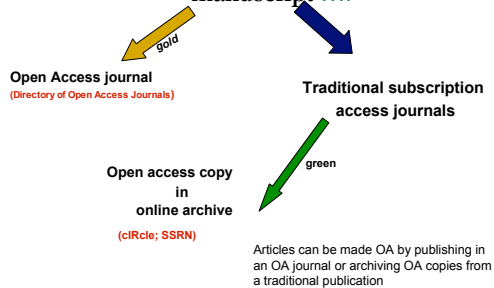


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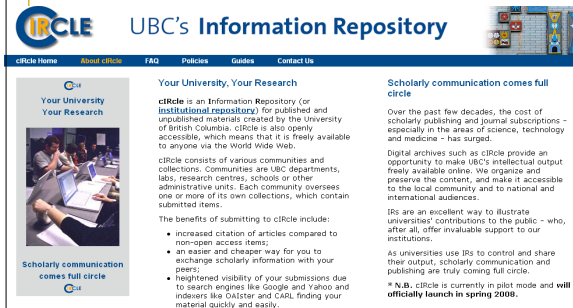
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## 2 Paths to Open Access

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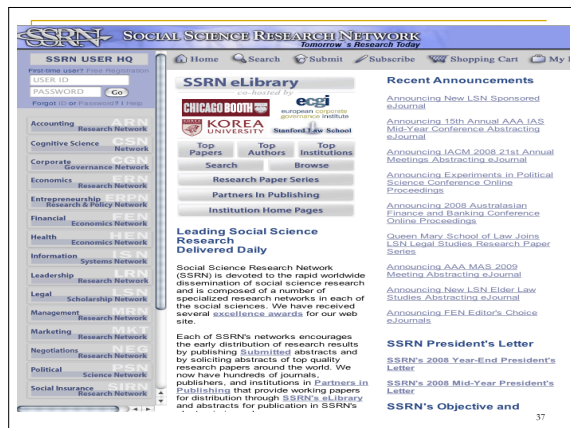


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## Subject Disciplinary Repositories

- **arXiv.org:**  
Open access to 419,855 e-prints in Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science and Quantitative Biology
- **Pubmed Central:**  
Full digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature at the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- **Social Science Research Network:**  
Social Science Research Network (SSRN) is devoted to the rapid worldwide dissemination of social science research and is composed of a number of specialized research networks in each of the social sciences.
- **NELLCO Legal Scholarship Repository**  
Consortium of 100 (law school) institutions
- **The Alexandria Archive Institute** <http://www.alexandriarchive.org/>  
The Alexandria Archive Institute works to build an open, Internet-based, knowledge commons of world cultural heritage. Includes documentation of archaeological and related research, including: excavations, maps, plans, analyses, digital files and images of excavations and surveys

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## The emergence of new models of scholarly publishing

## Trend to Openly Available

Open Source  
Open Textbooks  
Open Data  
Open Education

### Open Access

*Open access "flavors"*  
Gold and green  
Back issues open  
Hybrid open access  
Public access

## Notion of authorship & scholarly publishing is rapidly evolving

- New technologies, interactive multimedia, online-only scholarly resources
- The idea of "in-progress" communication rather than a final archival publication.
- Scholarly products are taking on many new forms: databases, datasets, digital text, images, simulations, visualization, animation, specialized software ...

*A changing picture for all those involved in supporting the life-cycle of scholarship (researchers, authors, editors, reviewers, publishers, libraries, funders, readers)*

## What's a new model?

- Internet enabled
- New genres: new forms of presentation, new information blends
- New mode for interaction
- New business models
- New relationships to peer review



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## Top Reasons Faculty Use New Models

1. Provides access to current research
2. Facilitates exchanges among scholars
3. Supplies useful co-location of works

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## Disciplinary Differences

### Humanities & Social Sciences

- More often cited the value of models that facilitate exchange of ideas
- E-only journals most commonly cited genre, then discussion forums

### STM

- More often cited the value of models that provided access to new research
- More often cited the value of data sites & e-only journals

Faculty at all stages of their career are experimenting with new models

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## Preprints & working papers

New distribution model; peer review

PhilSci Archive

Welcome to PhilSci Archive, an electronic archive for preprints in the philosophy of science. It is offered as a free service to the philosophy of science community. The goal of the Archive is to promote communication in the field by the rapid dissemination of new work. Authors who wish to post papers to the Archive should first consult the [Archive Policy](#).

To submit comments or suggestions please see the [Administration and Support](#) page.

NOTE: Our e-mail address has changed to [philsci-archive@mil.pitt.edu](mailto:philsci-archive@mil.pitt.edu). [\[more\]](#)

[Organizing a Conference?](#)

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## E-only journals

Experiments with new peer review models

Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics

An Interactive Open Access Journal of the European Geosciences Union

| Copernicus.org | EGU.eu |

Symmetry, Integrability and Geometry: Methods and Applications

Referred online journal  
ISSN 1815-0659

Scope

Editorial Board

How to Submit an Article

Refereeing Policy

SIGMA is arXiv overlay.

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## Discussion Forums

H-FRANCE FORUM

<http://www.h-france.net/forum/h-franceforum.html>

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## Blogs

ScienceBlogs

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73 blogs

84,184 posts

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Resurrecting the Woolly Mammoth

From the well presented research of a newly resurrected that was buried 18,545 years ago, scientists were able to extract viable DNA and sequence the genome of an extinct species. The mammoth genome is currently about 70 percent sequenced, and researchers estimate the size of the genome to be 2.6-2.8 billion base pairs. The mammoth genome is currently about 70 percent sequenced, and researchers estimate the size of the genome to be 2.6-2.8 billion base pairs. The mammoth genome is currently about 70 percent sequenced, and researchers estimate the size of the genome to be 2.6-2.8 billion base pairs.

THE HISTORY OF LIFE ON THIS PLANET SHOWS THAT ALL STRATEGIES

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## Encyclopedias, dictionaries, annotated content

**Dynamic, constantly updated, in progress**

**FIRE-TAIL DEVIL**  
*Labracurus cyclophthalma*

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## Encyclopedias, dictionaries, annotated content

**New genre/ new information blend?**

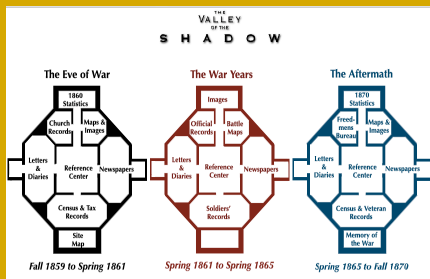
**BLACK SHIPS & SAMURAI**  
 COMMODORE PERRY AND THE OPENING OF JAPAN (1853-1854)

On July 8, 1853, residents of feudal Japan beheld an astonishing sight—foreign warships entering their harbor under a cloud of black smoke. Commodore Matthew Perry had arrived to force the long-secluded country to open its doors.

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## Categories? -- or new genres/information blends?



## Category? Book? Blog?-- or new genre?

**The Googlization of Everything**  
*How and Why? IS Disrupting Culture, Commerce, and Community-- and Why We Should Worry*

A book in progress by  
**Siva Vaidhyanathan**

**Big Google Books news on Wednesday?**  
 That's what I am hearing.  
 Could it be a settlement to the lawsuits with publishers and authors? This would be a god time for oop.

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**Another Google Horror Story**  
 Danah Boyd writes:  
 a Google horror story: what happens when you are dismembered

This blog, the result of a collaboration between myself and the Institute for the Future of the Book, is dedicated to exploring the process of writing a critical interpretation of the actions and intentions behind the cultural behaviors that is Google, Inc. The book will answer three key questions: What does the world look like through the lens of Google? How is Google's ubiquity affecting the production and dissemination of knowledge? and how has the corporation altered the rules and practices that govern other companies, institutions, and studies? Please!

## Professional & Academic Hubs



### New Genres/New information blends?

New containers for content (also for storage & interface)

Notion that information is harvestable

- Can be repurposed, repackaged from wherever it exists...

New groupings of information

- hubs

## Data Sources

**eBird**  
 Help Scientists Track Rusty Blackbird Migration!

**News & Features**

- [eBird & Flickr ... Share Your Bird Photos](#)  
 Nov 17, 2008
- [New eBird-eBird Checklist Download](#)  
 Nov 11, 2008
- [Help Scientists Track Rusty Blackbird Migration!](#)  
 Oct 24, 2008
- [Rustys: eBird's New eBird Checklist](#)  
 Oct 22, 2008
- [New eBird-eBird Checklist Download](#)  
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- [Western Hummingbirds in the East: eBird's New eBird Checklist](#)  
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 Sep 16, 2008

**Singing male Rusty Blackbird, Alaska.**  
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## @UBC Library

- Infrastructure Support for New Models
  - IR – cIRcle
  - E-journal Hosting using PKP's OJS software
  - Digitization projects
- UBC Library Supports memberships to OA publications
  - PLOS,
  - BMC,
  - DOAJ
- Scholarly Communication Steering Committee

## Engaging in Research

- Environmental Scan of SC activities on our campus
- New Publishing Models Study
  - ARL, UBC Library, Cornell University Library and the University of Washington Library - Ithaka sponsorship.
  - Purpose of the project:
    - Learn how faculty/researchers are involved in new models of scholarship on 44 campuses
    - Develop a database of new models

## Scholarly Communications Steering Committee

- Began March 2008, includes:
  - faculty, librarians, and other stakeholders
- Mandate includes:
  - considering a long term view of issues/trends in scholarly publishing and sustainability of new models
  - Facilitating formalized discussion and education of these issues with faculty, research and publishing constituencies on our campus.
    - In discussions with Office of Research Services & others about setting up infrastructure support for the **CIHR mandate**
    - Journal Editors Forum
    - Partnership with UBC Press

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