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Open Access Policy

- **Canada's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRS)** formally adopted the principle of Open Access:
 - http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/open_access/SSHRC_OA-consultn_brief.pdf
 - http://poeticeconomics.blogspot.com/2006/05/sshrc-to-actively-promote-open-access_06.html
- **Federal Research Public Access Act (US)** - <http://www.arl.org/sparc/resources/frpaa.html>
- **Wellcome Trust (UK)** - http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/doc_WTD002766.html

Open Access Publishing

Definition: Free, immediate and permanent online access for anyone to the full-text of research articles on the Internet with no restrictions in regards to downloading, copying, printing, distributing or searching and where typically the author retains the copyright.

- **Peter Suber's Open Access Overview** - <http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm>
- **Peter Suber's Open Access News** - <http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/fosblog.html>
- **Budapest Open Access Initiative (BOAI)** - <http://www.soros.org/openaccess/>
- **OA Librarian**: Open access resources by and for librarians - <http://oalibrarian.blogspot.com/>
- **EPrints**: information and resources to make open access a reality within your own institution - <http://www.eprints.org/> (see the Open Access section - <http://www.eprints.org/openaccess/>)
- **SPARC – Create Change**: a response to the crisis in scholarly communication - <http://www.createchange.org/home.html>
- **Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)** lists nearly 2300 fully OA journals and the number is rising - <http://www.doaj.org/>

Open Access Self-Archiving

Definition: An author deposits the full-text of their own research work into an online publicly accessible repository.

- **E-LIS**: Open Archive for Library and Information Science - <http://eprints.rclis.org/>

NOTE: The Friday (June 16th) CLA Session on “Open Access: Policy, Academic, and University Perspectives” will be archived in E-LIS.
- **ROMEIO** tracks journal/publisher policies on author self-archiving
<http://romeo.eprints.org/publishers.html>

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Institutional Repositories - IR

Definition: "An institutional repository (IR) is a digital collection of a university's intellectual output. Institutional repositories centralize, preserve, and make accessible the knowledge generated by academic institutions. They also form part of a larger global system of repositories, which are indexed in a standardized way and searchable using one interface, providing the foundation for a new model of scholarly publishing."
(Canadian Association of Research Libraries)

- **CARL - Institutional Repositories Pilot Project** (Online Resource Portal): resources that will aid libraries setting-up and maintaining an institutional repository at their institution - http://www.carl-abrc.ca/projects/institutional_repositories/institutional_repositories-e.html
- **Directory of Open Access Repositories** (OpenDOAR) - <http://www.opendoar.org/>

Forums where Open Access is discussed (not an exhaustive list)

- **American Scientist Open Access Forum** has been tracking OA progress since 1998. To browse the archives or subscribe to the list: <http://amsci-forum.amsci.org/archives/American-Scientist-Open-Access-Forum.html>
- **SOAF**: SPARC Open Access Forum Archive - <https://arl.org/Lists/SPARC-OAForum/List.html>
- **ARL-EJOURNAL**: E-Journals in Libraries Discussion Archive - <https://arl.org/Lists/ARL-EJOURNAL/List.html>
- **Liblicense-L Archives**: much discussion about Open Access during the years 2003-2004, about 1700 emails. <http://www.library.yale.edu/~llicense/ListArchives/>
- **SCHOLCOMM**: scholarly communication issues - <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlissues/scholarlycomm/scholcommdiscussion.htm>
- **BOAI Forum** - <http://www.soros.org/openaccess/forum.shtml>
- **Open Access Archiving List**: for managers of open access archives who would like to discuss issues relating to OA archiving in the dual sense of providing access and preservation. Low-tech list hence to subscribe or unsubscribe, please contact the list-owner, Heather Morrison (heatherm@eln.bc.ca)