

Copley Library Statement of Support for Open Access

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Open Access is the free, immediate, online availability of learning materials, research, and creative work (hereafter called “scholarship”) coupled with the rights to use these articles fully in the digital environment ([SPARC](#)). Copley Library is dedicated to supporting Open Access (OA) to scholarship, research, and Open Educational Resources (OER). We commit to collaborating with institutional partners and scholars in disseminating scholarship as widely and with as few restrictions as possible, while recognizing the rights of creators. Our support is rooted in the Library’s [strategic plan](#), which outlines the following priorities:

- EDUCATE faculty and students about Open Access, [Digital USD](#), and the changing research information landscape
- IMPROVE access for all faculty and students to global research and scholarship through enhanced resource sharing and partnerships, cost-saving pedagogical materials, community engagement, and support of Open Access
- COMMIT to supporting and sustaining open access resources, partnerships, and initiatives
- ENCOURAGE and facilitate the deposit of faculty and student scholarship into the institutional repository, [Digital USD](#), and explore sharing digital collections with other online platforms

Moreover, the Library’s commitment to Open Access is [made tangible](#) in numerous ways. We weave the work of Open Access into faculty and staff positions and library committee responsibilities. We provide online resources in support of Open Access, participate in external memberships and initiatives dedicated to advancing Open Access, and offer programming designed to educate and encourage the pursuit of Open Access.

We acknowledge that the open ecosystem is evolving, and experimentation is necessary in order for libraries, publishers, and our communities to find sustainable models for open scholarship. We welcome your [feedback and suggestions](#) on how we can enhance or improve our commitment to Open Access.

This statement was adapted from [Western University Libraries](#) and [UI Libraries](#).