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Open Access: A New Model of Scholarly Publishing

In an effort to assure wider distribution of the results of their research, scientists have recently launched a new model of scholarly publishing, referred to as Open Access. Unlike traditional publishing vehicles, open access journals make their content freely available on the public Internet. Users may read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of these materials, crawl them for indexing, pass them as data to software, make and distribute derivative works, or use them for any other lawful purpose, without financial, legal, or technical barriers. Just as with print journals, Open Access journals can be peer-reviewed, indexed, cited, etc.; some have print counterparts available on a subscription basis.

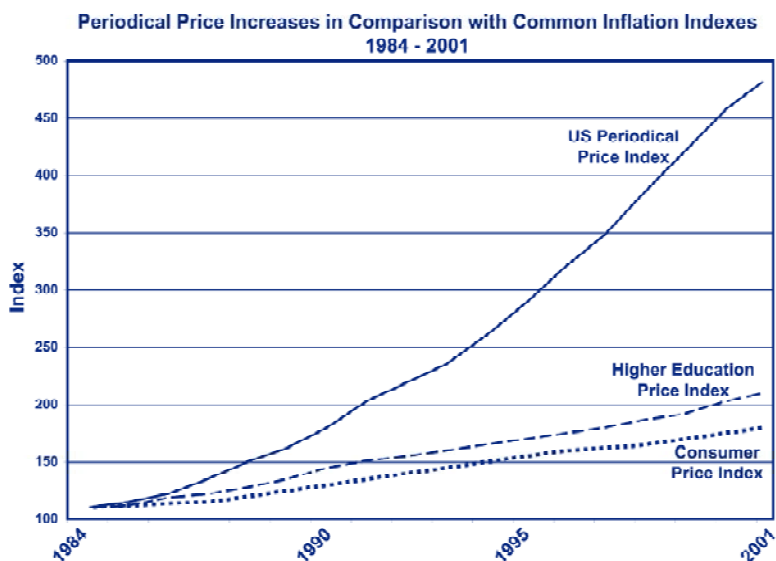
While traditional journals support themselves with subscriptions and advertising, Open Access journals derive income from charges to authors who publish in them, by support from foundations, scholarly societies and/or member institutions, or by a combination of the above. As a result, anyone can read these materials; no subscription is required.

The Public Library of Science (PloS) is the latest Open Access venture. Co-founders include Howard Varmus, Memorial Sloan-Kettering, Michael Eisen, UC Berkeley, and Patrick O. Brown, Stanford University. With considerable financial support from the Moore Foundation, and in-kind support from the Howard Hughes Foundation, they are launching a series of high quality Open Access titles. The first title, PloS Biology, was launched in October 2003. PloS Medicine will be the next in this series. All PloS journals are intended to be of the highest quality, including rigorous peer review.

New Models of Scholarly Communication: Why Are They Needed?

As the graph on the next page shows, over the last twenty years the price libraries are charged for periodicals (the US Periodical Price Index) has risen far faster than either the Higher Education or the Consumer Price Index. The entry of commercial publishers into the scholarly journal market and the subsequent consolidation of many of these publishers into a few large firms, has been largely responsible for these large scale price increases. However, recently, to compensate for declining memberships, scientific societies have raised their journal prices to libraries as well. As a result, libraries are being forced to cancel subscriptions.

Libraries and now scientists are searching for a new model of scientific publishing, one that will moderate prices and assure that the results of scientific research are widely read.



Examples of price increases in titles held by the Biomedical Library:

Journal Title	1993	1998	2003*
Development	\$1,302.90	\$1,715.64	\$2,493.90
EMBO Journal	\$690.09	\$1,111.80	\$1,453.50
Endocrinology	\$237.39	\$465.12	\$783.36
Journal of Biological Chemistry	\$783.94	\$2,652.00	\$3,774.00
Journal of Neuroscience	\$784.02	\$1,162.80	\$2,012.46
Molecular and Cellular Biology	\$398.60	\$459.00	\$1,540.20
New England Journal of Medicine	\$106.00	\$239.70	\$508.98

* Includes online access

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HaPI Makes Researchers Happy

The Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HaPI) database is now online. HaPI provides access to information about measurement instruments (i.e., questionnaires, interview schedules, checklists, index measures, coding schemes/manuals, rating scales, projective techniques, vignettes/scenarios, tests) in the health fields, psychosocial sciences, organizational behavior, and library and information science. The information in HaPI sometimes points you to the full text of the measurement instrument although there is no full text in HaPI itself. For instance, you can limit your search results to “primary source” (the citation is the original source for the instrument) or by “BMDS availability” in which case the Behavioral Measurement Database Service, makers of HaPI, can supply a copy of the instrument for a fee. The Biomedical Library also has additional print and electronic resources for locating tests and measures. To save yourself time and effort, consult a librarian.

To access HaPI, go to the Biomedical and Medical Center Libraries homepage at <http://scilib.ucsd.edu/bml/> and click on “All BML/MCL Databases.” HaPI is listed under “Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HaPI).” The UCSD subscription to HaPI only allows for one user at a time so if someone else is using HaPI, please try again later. Please remember to click “Logoff” when you are done using HaPI.

If you need any help using HaPI or locating measurement instruments or information about them, contact Nancy Stimson at nstimson@ucsd.edu or (858) 534-6321.

Medical Center Library Open House

Over 200 people were present when the Medical Center Library (MCL) opened its doors to the Medical Center community and others at an Open House on Thursday, August 28 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The purpose of the open house was two-fold: To unveil the Medical Center Library's newly renovated spaces and to highlight and introduce visitors to some of the library's most popular services.

Open House visitors enjoyed a retrospective pictorial display of the Medical Center Library's first open house which was held upon completion of the library building on June 21, 1981. In addition to displays inside the library, the MCL team created and staffed three outside exhibit tables highlighting library services:

- The Online Clinical Library – UCSD's clinical information resources portal <http://gort.ucsd.edu/clinlib/>
- Wireless Access – The Medical Center Library has wireless access which you can utilize through your laptop or PDA
- Access from Home – The UCSD proxy server allows you to access electronic journals, databases and resources from off-campus
- Avanti – Avanti allows eligible Medical Center Library users to electronically receive articles from Biomedical Library journals via the Web

In addition to these exhibits, visitors were invited to take a self-guided tour of the library. Those who took the tour were eligible to enter a drawing for one of four \$25 gift certificates from Amazon.com or for one of twenty UCSD Libraries spillproof mugs. Light refreshments were provided by the French Gourmet. It was a beautiful day and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. No doubt, MCL has made many new friends.

For further information contact Craig Haynes at chaynes@ucsd.edu or (619) 543-6520.

Winter Classes

Improve your efficiency and searching skills by taking one of our classes:

PubMed MEDLINE - January 15, 12:30-2:00 pm (BML)
February 19, 10:00-11:30 am (CLICS TLC)
March 3, 1:00-2:30 pm (Geisel LEC)

PubMed MEDLINE ~ Beyond the Basics - January 28, 10:00-11:30 am (BML)
February 24, 1:30-3:00 pm (CLICS TLC)
March 11, 2:30-4:00 pm (Geisel LEC)

EndNote ~ Hands On - January 22, 2:30-4:00 pm (Geisel LEC)
February 11, 12:30-2:00 pm (CLICS TLC)
March 10, 9:30-11:00 am (Geisel LEC)

To register for these classes or for more information please go to <http://scilib.ucsd.edu/bml/services/instruc.htm> or call (858) 534-3255. Custom classes and individual consultations can be arranged by contacting Nancy Stimson at nstimson@ucsd.edu or (858) 534-6321.

Bioinformatics Classes

Bioinformatics workshops and classes are listed at http://scilib.ucsd.edu/bioinf_lab

Medical Center Library Classes

The Medical Center Library offers a hands-on orientation to the Online Clinical Library every other Monday from 10:30 am until 12:00 pm. Please call (619) 534-6520 to register. Medical Center affiliated patrons who cannot attend these sessions may email Craig Haynes at chaynes@ucsd.edu to schedule a consultation.

MCL
Showcases
Library
and
Services

Hours

BIOMEDICAL LIBRARY

Mon-Thur	8:00 am - midnight
Friday	8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday	11:00 am - midnight

MEDICAL CENTER LIBRARY

Mon-Fri	7:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sat-Sun	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Closed Monday, February 16
Friday, March 26

Additional hours information:
(858) 534-3339

or

<http://scilib.ucsd.edu/bml/services/hours.htm>

Contact Information

BIOMEDICAL LIBRARY

Circulation	(858) 534-3253
Reference	(858) 534-1201
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Loan (ILL)	(858) 534-4779
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Question Box: Real Answers to Real Questions

Q. What happened to your older print journals? I notice that most journals on the second floor now only go back to 1993.

A. During Summer 2003, we moved over 50,000 journal volumes to the BML Annex, an off-campus storage facility, in order to make room for our upcoming building addition and renovation project. These include most journals before 1993, and more recent journals for which we have stable online access. The twenty-two most heavily used titles including Nature, Cell, Science, NEJM, etc. were not moved to the Annex. The journals will remain in the Annex at least until the completion of the building project, in about two years. You can easily request that journal volumes be brought from the Annex to the Biomedical Library by filling out the form located at <http://rohan.ucsd.edu/biomed/> Annex deliveries occur twice a day on weekdays and once on Saturdays. You will not be notified when your material arrives but you can call the library at (858) 534-3253 after the expected arrival time to confirm that your material has arrived.

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