

# **OA in the Library**

**Where do we go from here?**

**COD Library  
Open Access Week 2014**

# This is Dorrit

i love open access. i  
will probably bark  
excitedly for the next  
hour, that's how  
much i love it



# Open Access in General

Why are open access journals important?

Research reaches wider audiences.

Results are published more quickly.

Scholars are able to retain rights to their own work.

Works can be searched, shared and built upon in new ways.

High subscription costs limit libraries' ability to provide.

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Journal costs are a killer!

Article databases are pricey too, and have limitations.

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The flipside:

Predatory publishing & unreliable peer/editorial review.

Availability on the open web.

Evaluation is critical now more than ever.



# Same goes for Books

OA Books have lagged behind a bit.

But all good and bad OA practices are the same.

When its good, its great. ([Hathi Trust](#)--Not OA, btw.) [DOAB](#)

# What's the big deal?

Because students!

Researchers' expectations are changing. And we have to learn to roll with it. That's hard.

# Open Access at COD Library

Directory of Open Access Journals  
([DOAJ](#)) in our Library's [Journal locator](#)

What do you think?





# What should we do about it?

Evaluation using...

[Beall's list](#)

and

[OASPA](#)

(OMG)

# How do we help students?

Should we promote these materials to our students?

If so, which skills are needed to ascertain quality? And what can librarians and faculty do to help students?