

Open Access and the University of Florida

Presented by the
University Library Committee

Five Audiences for Open Access

- ▶ Serendipitous readers
 - ▶ Under-resourced readers (e.g., underdeveloped countries)
 - ▶ Interdisciplinary readers
 - ▶ International readers
 - ▶ Machine readers
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Avoiding Potential Problems

- ▶ Authors should not bear costs
- ▶ Small journals and professional societies need protection
- ▶ Books and artworks not included
- ▶ Peer-review process remains important
- ▶ Some fields need to delay access to protect future publication
- ▶ Waiver available on request

Berlin Declaration



2003–2010: Nearly 300 signatories
from Europe, Asia and South
America



October 2010 – Harvard
University becomes first
American signatory

As of February 2012 – 21 U.S.
Universities have signed Berlin
Declaration

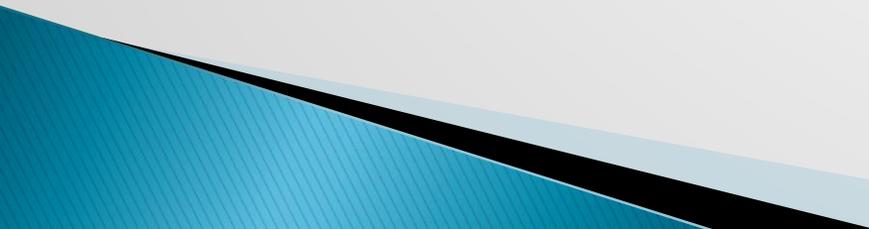


U.S. Universities Signed on to Berlin Declaration

- ▶ Duke University*
- ▶ Oberlin College*
- ▶ Grand Valley State University
- ▶ Harvard University*
- ▶ Kansas State University
- ▶ Oregon State University
- ▶ Purdue University
- ▶ Rollins College*
- ▶ Tulane University
- ▶ University of California – Los Angeles
- ▶ University of Connecticut
- ▶ University of Kansas*
- ▶ University of Maine
- ▶ University of Massachusetts – Amherst
- ▶ University of New Mexico
- ▶ University of Oregon
- ▶ University of Utah
- ▶ Utah State University
- ▶ Wake Forest University
- ▶ Washington University in St. Louis*
- ▶ Wesleyan University

** adopted institutional open access policy*

Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities

- ▶ Initiated in 2003 by the Max Planck Society in Berlin, Germany.
 - ▶ It aims to make scientific and scholarly research more accessible to the broader public, by taking full advantage of the possibilities offered by the Internet and various forms of digital communication.
 - ▶ Call for institutional commitment to wide dissemination of knowledge and worldwide access to information.
 - ▶ Vision of a global and openly accessible representation of knowledge, supported by a Web that is sustainable, interactive, and transparent.
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Actions Encouraged by the Berlin Declaration that Facilitate Transition to an Open Access Paradigm

- ▶ Encouraging researchers and grant recipients to publish their work according to the principles of Open Access.
 - ▶ Encouraging the holders of cultural heritage to support Open Access by providing their resources on the Internet.
 - ▶ Developing means and ways to evaluate Open Access contributions and online journals, in order to maintain the standards of quality assurance and good scientific practice.
 - ▶ Advocating that Open Access publication be recognized in promotion and tenure evaluation.
 - ▶ Advocating the intrinsic merit of contributions to an Open Access infrastructure by software tool development, content provision, metadata creation, or the publication of individual articles.
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ULC proposals



- ▶ Consider approving the Berlin Declaration and making UF one of its signatories.
- ▶ Consider charging the University Library Committee (ULC) with developing an Open Access policy for UF.