Open Versus Closed: Private Versus Public - A Library and Research Perspective

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Private Versus Public – it’s all about access

- Access Denied
- Access Defended
- Access in Context
- Coda: A Word on Leadership
Access Denied: When Closed is Good

- The IT Security Context
- Libraries as Targets
IT Security

- Integration of Effort

- “The Police Are Here”
Libraries as Targets (Access Denied)

- Mr Greasy and the impoverished 22 year old
- The Nerdy Nephew
- Who’s got that film?
Access Defended

- The Totalitarian State
- Challenges in Democratic States
Challenges within a “Democratic” context (Access Defended)

- Mid 20th Century United States
- Queensland in the 1970s
- The Filtering Analogue
The deniers of access

- **Direct**: censorship, political intervention

- **Indirect**: market exclusion; copyright and pricing
Access in Context

The Metamorphosis of Mission Over Half a Millenium
Metamorphosis

- Preservation
- Transmission
- Organisation
- Access
- Dissemination
- Contribution
Preservation as power

Umberto Eco
But ... Preservation is Dispensable
Enlightenment

Voltaire
Mass Literacy

Raymond Williams
The Challenge of the Intelligent Filter

José Ortega y Gasset
Access in Context – From Potential to Actual, Passive to Active

- Direct Denial: Censorship, Political or Other Intervention
- Indirect Denial: Copyright and its Perversion; Market Exclusion
Dissemination and Copyright: the Open Content License Innovation

Larry Lessig
Dissemination and the Market: The Age of Openness?

Stevan Harnad

Alma Swan
OA advantage

- The funder
- The institution
- The researcher
- The community
- The government
- The disciplines
Open Access, STM and HASS ...

- The awkward topic of books – “give away” or not?
- The truth about monographs
- The abandonment of HASS scholarship?
- The publisher initiative and the triple win
Article Level Metrics

Statistics Overview
Binge-drinking: A test of the role of group norms in the Theory of Planned Behaviour

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21st Century – Article Level Metrics

- Web usage
- Expert ratings
- Social bookmarking
- Social citations
- Community rating
- Media (including Blog coverage)
Challenges in Assessing Research...

Inherent weaknesses in current peer review process

- Size of lag (slowness of citation measures)
- Journal titles (JIF) as proxies for quality
- Unclear relationship between citation counting and impact
- Shortcomings for Interdisciplinary Research
Variation in value of outlets (outputs) by discipline

Slow publication rates, especially in more prestigious “containers”
What’s making me angry is that I submitted to this journal because of its high reputation, its high rejection rate, its mass adoption by academic libraries ... and it turns out that they have a standing two year delay on publication. Let me be perfectly clear: once you go through the whole year of being reviewed and re-reviewed and your piece is accepted, your publication date will be two further years in the future. ...... Now, I work in new media. My article will be about three years old when it finally appears..... I consulted my chair, who consulted my dean. They, by contrast, congratulated me on having my work “appear” in such a high profile venue, and told me to leave it there.

Aimee Morrison (University of Waterloo)
Metamorphosis: – Energised Dissemination and Research Impact

- Integration with Research Activity and Innovation
- The Cry for Help and the Need for Leadership:
  - New Publishing
  - Data Support
  - Tools Support
Questions