SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION INTRODUCTORY DISCUSSION ACTIVITY – 20 MINUTES

Below are some commonly asked questions about some aspect of scholarly communication.

1. What other questions have you heard that you would add to this list?

2. With your table mates select one of the questions – or consider ones of your own or that you've heard - and brainstorm potential responses to faculty members or graduate students or administrators.

3. Reflect on how you might prepare yourself to answer the question in the future
(What resources or data will you need; who can you collaborate with at your institution or at other institutions?)

Questions:

o   Why should I care about Open Access? I can get access to everything that I need.

o   Why doesn't the Library just stop subscribing to large journal packages?

o   I don't use or publish in costly journals. My field is more about book publication than journal publication so how do these changes in scholarly publishing & communication affect me?

o   Is Open Access publishing serious scholarly publishing? Isn't it for someone who can't get published in a serious journal? I have to publish in the key peer-reviewed journals in my field in order to get tenure.

o   My scholarly society is thinking about moving their journal to a commercial publisher. Are there other options?

o   I just found out that my funding agency requires that I make the results of my research freely available online. I've also heard that some funding agencies require data management plans. What does this mean?

o   Why should I pay attention to author's rights? I post my article/book chapter on my website anyway.

o   Can I use the graph I published in Journal X in a future publication?

o   What's the point of an institutional repository?

o   I want my article to be open access but I really don't think that the author should have to pay for it. Do you have any suggestions?

o   As a Collections Librarian, I am getting increasing demands from our faculty to support institutional memberships for a number of Open Access collections. My Administrators also want me to support other new model initiatives like SCOAP3, DOAJ, ArXiv and The

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy. There is no room in the budget. What can I do to create a sustainable support model for scholarship?

- o   What is the connection between eScience and Scholarly Communications?

We will come back to these at the end of the day.