

In order to better inform the CVM community of the variety of services, resources, collections, events, and technologies available through the Vet Med Library and University Libraries as a whole, I will be sending out a brief newsletter to highlight a few of these each month (each newsletter will start with the subject heading "Library Letters").

This edition of *Library Letters* looks at **Open Access**, which in essence "refers to the removal of price and permissions barriers to peer-reviewed research."

How Might Open Access (OA) Relate to You?

- a) If you are looking to publish your work, OA provides a means to make your scholarship as openly available as possible for others to access (and therefore cite). There are different OA options available.
- b) If you do not plan on remaining in an academic or university setting, OA makes it possible for you to access research findings without a subscription to a particular journal or publisher.

Open Access Support and Services Through the University Libraries:

- [Overview of Open Access:](#)
 - This guide provides information across several tabs that explains what OA is, types of OA options available, ways for making your scholarly outputs OA, and several other OA services available through the University Libraries.
- [Celebrate Open Access Week, October 22 – 26, 2018](#)
 - The above PDF link includes a calendar of events for the week including a speaker panel, different seminars, and a documentary.
 - Additional information about these events is available at: https://vtnews.vt.edu/notices/universitylibraries_notice_open_access_week.html
- [Open Access Subvention Fund](#)
 - The University Libraries provides financial support for those looking to publish their research in an Open Access outlet.
 - All current faculty, staff, graduate, and undergraduate students are eligible to receive funding.
 - This fall there are two [NLI sessions](#), "\$140,000 Available to Publish Journal Articles," being held in Newman Library that discuss the subvention fund in greater detail, but they are both currently full. If there is interest, I will see if this presentation can be given at the CVM and include online participants.

Side Note:

- [Directory of Open Access Journals \(DOAJ\)](#)
 - This resource "indexes and provides access to high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals" and is useful to:
 - locate potential OA journals to publish in
 - search for OA scholarly articles on a topic
 - The OA journals indexed in DOAJ are vetted to avoid the inclusion of "predatory publishers"

- See “[Predatory publishing, questionable peer review, and fraudulent conferences](#)” by JD Bowman (2014) for more information on publishers that have found a deceitful way to utilize the OA model for their own profit.

If you'd like to learn or discuss these items in greater detail, please email me (kdebose@vt.edu) or stop by the Vet Med Library.