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Library

Research Libraries: Facilitator & Funder

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The scholarly communications system remains as broken as ever; continuing to be:

1. Inequitable
2. Unaffordable
3. Opaque
4. Closed
5. Unsustainable

Higher Education Context







Research Library Context





Access

Social Responsibility

Public Good

Affordability

Open

Transparency

Sustainability

Research Integrity

Shift: Just in Time Collections

1. Can't buy everything
2. ILL is awesome
3. Collective collections
4. Controlled digital lending
5. Analysis of serial cancellations

Facilitating Open Science

Research Library Efforts

1. Continue to provide some OA funds
2. Advocate policy change internally & externally
3. Author rights advocate
4. Provide general education across campus
5. Support vendors, publishers, and organizations that share values

Library/Higher Ed Consortia Efforts

1. Ivy + confederation examining challenges
2. Buying clubs remain relevant
3. Higher education policy (HELIOS)
4. Investment in non-profit organizations