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Several faculty, students, staff and community members have provided content that has been added to the Ram Scholar. They are: Mark Masters, Donald Kagay, Emmanuel Konde, Vivian McCollum, Carolyn Rollins, James Phillips, Cleve Roland, and Rubye Hampton for Ben Cohn Hampton's Photo Collection. Most of the collections included in the repository related to ASU history are the College of Arts & Humanities, the College of Education, the Flint River Water Planning & Policy Center, and the University Archives.

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Suber, P. (2004). Open Access Overview. <http://legacy.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm>

## Frequently Asked Questions



### What rights do I have to my published works?

The rights you retain for published articles vary by journal. When you sign the author agreement to publish, read it carefully.

### Are there different kinds of OA?

Yes, there are three kinds. OA self-archiving is when an author publishes in a subscription journal, but also makes their article freely accessible to the public by placing them in an institutional or central repository. OA publishing is when the author publishes in Open Access journals. Hybrid OA is when subscription publishers make articles available to the public if the author pays an open-access fee.

### How does Open Access benefit faculty?

Open Access increases the visibility and impact of faculty scholarship. Studies show that articles available through Open Access are cited more often than those available only through subscription.

### How does Open Access benefit citizens?

A key element of the land grant mission is public access. Taxpayers fund universities and faculty to do research. Open Access allows the fruits of that research to be read and used by taxpayers, decision-makers, teachers and students.

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## What Faculty Can Do to Promote OA

- Submit your research articles to OA journals when there are relevant OA journals in your field.
- Deposit your post-prints in an open-access repository.
- Write opinion pieces (articles, letters to the editor, etc.) supporting OA.
- Educate the next generation of scientists and scholars about OA.

## Myths & Facts

**Myth:** Open Access journals are not peer-reviewed and are of low quality.

**Fact:** Open Access journals, just like any other journal, can be peer-reviewed or not, depending on the journal policy.

**Myth:** Open Access will destroy the scholarly publishing system and cause journals to fail.

**Fact:** One safeguard that many journals implement is a time-limited embargo on open access. Journals recoup most of the publishing costs within the first year of publication. Articles can then be made open access without loss of revenue.

Information retrieved from: West Virginia University Library <http://www.libraries.wvu.edu/about/open-access/oa-faq/>