

Message from the Director

Problem

Scholars, scholarly societies, university presses, and librarians are increasingly challenging existing models of scholarly communication. Skyrocketing costs, especially for serials, have resulted in reduced library holdings, even at major research universities. The Cornell University Library has published a fine synopsis of this growing crisis on its website entitled *Issues in Scholarly Communication*. In this issue of *Eagle Advantage*, I would like to share a few highlights from the Cornell report.



The Association of Research Libraries collects data that show that research libraries have been spending more money on fewer publications for the past fifteen years. The prices of serials have increased by 215% and the number of titles purchased by large academic libraries has decreased by 5%.

(<http://www.arl.org/stats/arlstat/graphs/2001/2001t2.html>)

There are several reasons for these startling statistics including:

1. the commercialization of scholarly publishing,
2. the difficulty of publishing scholarship in a timely and useful fashion in the face of increased costs in traditional publishing, and
3. the need for libraries to purchase titles in both paper and electronic formats.

Solutions

1. Work with scholarly societies and university presses to ensure that they are able to publish quality scholarship at reasonable prices.
2. Review methods presently used for the exchange of scholarly information in individual disciplines, and develop practicable alternatives.
3. Scholars need to retain some rights to their own work, rather than signing them over completely to publishers. When submitting materials for publication, scholars should consider stipulating at the very least that their publications be freely available to their own university community for purposes of instruction and research.
4. Scholars should also negotiate to ensure that they retain the right to post their own publications on their own or on their institutions' Web sites.

Six Key Issues about the Crisis in Scholarly Communications

1. The current method of scholarly information exchange is not sustainable, in that the costs of published scholarship far exceed average increases in library budgets.
2. This has been a problem for decades, during which libraries have been able to achieve only limited solutions. More recently, some libraries have been looking into the possibility of assuming some publishing responsibilities themselves, in order to circumvent or compete with expensive publishers.
3. This is not a serials crisis, but rather a broader crisis in scholarly communications—although it is true that the greatest and most significant pressure is in the area of scientific serials. Commercial publishers charge much higher prices than not-for-profit publishers, although some scholarly societies are also charging very high prices that are rapidly escalating.

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4. The problem cannot be solved only by increasing library budgets. Library acquisitions budgets have generally increased above inflation. During the past 15 years, the number of scholarly journals has probably at least doubled; and yet most academic libraries now subscribe to 15 - 20% fewer serials than they did fifteen years ago.

5. Some publishers are using the demand for electronic access to their publications as a way to increase still further their control and prices.

6. The core of the crisis is neither economic nor technical, but rather cultural: it is driven primarily by the publishing conventions of the academy. The full document may be read at: <http://www.library.cornell.edu/scholarlycomm>

Alternative Publishing Options and Experiments:

BioMed Central: <http://www.biomedcentral.com>
A very innovative commercial service that makes refereed journals freely accessible to the world.

Budapest Open Access Initiative:

<http://www.soros.org/openaccess>
A new program that calls for self-archiving by scholars and the creation of new, open-access journals.

Cornell E-Print Archive: <http://arxiv.org>
A very active archive for pre-prints, mainly in physics. This is probably the single most successful effort to date to create a new method of exchanging high quality scholarly information.

Cornell Technical Reports Repository: <http://techreports.library.cornell.edu>
A repository for use by Cornell scholars.

Digital Library of the Commons:
<http://dlc.dlib.indiana.edu/> (Indiana Univ.)

E-Scholarship (Univ. of California):
<http://escholarship.cdlib.org> A kind of launch pad for scholarly electronic information.

FIGARO:

<http://www.figaro-europe.net/index.html>
An electronic publishing platform for European scholarship.

Public Library of Science:

<http://www.publiblibraryofscience.org>
An agreement by scholars not to publish in journals that do not make their articles freely accessible within six months of publication.

The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC):



<http://www.arl.org/sparc/core/index.asp?page=a0>
An increasingly successful effort to create journals that will compete with specific, highly priced journals.

Director,
Kathy Hoeth

Congratulations:

Daniel Liestman, "Looking Back to the Future: Turn of the Last Century Librarians Look Ahead to the Twentieth Century", *The Reference Librarian*, Vol. 78 Issue , pp. 25-46.

Anjana Bhatt, "Developing Library Resources for Cyberspace: Effect of Information Technology and Internet on Academic Libraries of India" has been published in *Journal of Library and Information Science*. Vol. 28, No. 2, October 2003.

Chuck Malenfant and Dr. Demers, "Collaboration for Point-of-Need Library Instruction", in *Reference Services Review* Volume 32:3 (2004).



HALLOWEEN

@ your library

On October 31st, the library had a special group of visitors from The Children's Resource Center.



<http://library.fgcu.edu>

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Library Services, is issued four times a year in August,

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Wireless Connectivity in the Library:

To better serve its patrons and provide study space options, the Library in the last year has implemented a wireless network. This enables anyone who brings a laptop into the building access to the University's network. For those who do not have a wireless card for their laptops, the library has cards available for loan.

- Network cards will be loaned to FGCU Students, Faculty and Staff ONLY.
- The loan period is 2 hours and can be renewed one time per day.
- Network cards are for Library use ONLY and can not be removed from the library building.
- Patrons must present an ID card to borrow a network card. Network cards will be checked out to patron's ID card and the ID card will also be kept at the Circulation Desk until the network card is returned.
- A late fee of 25 cents per hour will be charged for network cards that are returned late.
- The replacement cost for a "lost" network card is \$150.00 plus late fines.

Wireless Card Configuration:

Configuration for the wireless cards may vary from computer to computer. If you have issues with your laptop not getting access please see our help desk in the Library's Open Lab.

Currently, only a small portion of FGCU's campus is covered by the FGCU wireless network.

Library Computing & Technology Systems



Contact Us

Library Hours:

Mon. -Thurs.:	8:00 am - 11:00 pm
Friday:	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday:	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday:	1:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Reference Assistance Hours:

Monday - Thurs:	9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday:	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sunday:	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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TTY:	590-7618

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SPECIAL LIBRARY HOURS

Interession Hours

Thanksgiving Holiday Thursday - Friday,
November 27-28 **CLOSED**

Semester Break: (Interession Hours)
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8am - 5pm
Saturday, December 13 - Sunday, January 12

Winter Break:
December 25, 2003 - January 1, 2004 **CLOSED**

Opportunities to Give to the FGCU Library

There are many opportunities for donating to the FGCU Library. We accept monetary donations as well as gifts of books and other information resources. Your monetary gift may be directed to a specific program or need in the Library, or your gift may be unrestricted, thus enabling the Library to use the funds in the areas of greatest need. Gifts may be made for immediate use or to build the Library's endowment to secure the Library's future. Your gifts are tax deductible.

If you are interested in making a donation to the FGCU Library or would like additional information on how you can help, please contact — Donna Vazquez.

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Suggestions

Have you got an idea for how the Library could serve you better? Is there a book or resource that you would like us to purchase? You can follow the "Suggestions" link on the Library home page: <http://library.fgcu.edu/AboutTheLibrary/suggest.htm>.

You can follow the "Suggest a Book for Our Collection" link through the "Faculty Resources" menu on the Library home page: <http://library.fgcu.edu/Forms/booksuggest.htm>.

You can send us an email through the "Ask a Librarian" link on the "Research Tools and Help" menu on the Library home page: <http://library.fgcu.edu/forms/askref.htm>.

You can speak with the Director's office by calling: 239/590-7600.

Or you can send written comments to:

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