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## Support Public Access to Tax-Payer Funded Research

*Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2013 (FASTR)*

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***ALA's Position:*** The American Library Association encourages members of Congress to demonstrate their support of open access to taxpayer funded research by co-sponsoring the Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2013 (FASTR).

### **What does this bill mean for libraries and the public?**

- U.S. taxpayers underwrite publicly-funded research and they have a right to expect that its dissemination and use will be maximized, and also that they themselves will have access to it.
- Without the passage of S. 350/H.R. 708, taxpayer-funded research will continue to be inaccessible *without an additional fee* to those already funding it—the public.

### **If passed, the *Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2013* would:**

- Extend the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Public Access policy to an additional 11 federal agencies and departments as it would require those with an annual extramural research budget of \$100 million to develop a policy to ensure researchers submit an electronic copy of the final manuscript accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Ensure that the manuscript is preserved in a stable digital repository maintained by that agency or in another suitable repository that permits free public access, interoperability, and long-term preservation.
- Require that each taxpayer-funded manuscript be made available to the public online and without cost, no later than six months after the article has been published in a peer-reviewed journal.

*FASTR of 2013*, S. 350, was introduced in the U.S. Senate by Sens. John Cornyn (R-TX) and Ron Wyden (D-OR). Additionally, Reps. Mike Doyle (D-PA), Kevin Yoder (R-KS), and Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) introduced the House version of *FASTR of 2013*, H.R. 708.