

Libraries as Publishers:
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Library & Campus Statistics

University Statistics

6,140 FTE (undergrads and grads)
1,103 Faculty & Staff



Library Statistics

- 8.5 Librarians
- 11.5 Staff
- 371,906 Volumes
- 1 Web Server (catalog use only)

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UCCS Faculty and Open Access

Comments from OA Survey (Spring 2008)

- "I'm used to the professional journal route"
- "This is a way of degrading the standards of the University."
- "If it would be considered "peer-reviewed" by my tenure decision committees I'm all for it. (Like idea of articles being accessible to all)"

Lack of general discussion on campus

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Undergraduate Research Journal

Goals

- To promote and showcase student research
- To collect items that were previously uncollected (no IR)
- Get the Library more involved

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Determining Success

- Efficiently host the journal
- Ability to get content
- Getting students and faculty involved

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Open Journal Systems (OJS)

- Journal management software
- Open access
- Free
- Ready “out of the box”
Can still be customized
- Nifty features
export/import metadata, user registration, statistics
- **Not an IR**
Lack of complexity/archiving ability



Installing OJS



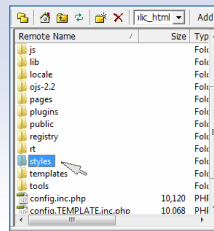
* Campus IT and security issues

OJS Customization

Most of the text changes and minor style changes can be done in the System

Major Customization Requires:

- HTML and CSS knowledge
- Basic understanding of PHP
- Access to web server



Not Customized

OJS Customization

- Changed style sheets
- Moved around text
- Added a footer
- Added a banner image

Time Spent = estimated 10 hours coding

Releasing the First Issue

- Released Aug. 22
- Focused on a theme:
Political Science
- More information coming

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Success??

Efficiently host the journal

- **Yes**, real easy to maintain and host

Ability to get content

- **Mixed**, unforeseen reasons for not wanting to publish research

Getting students and faculty involved

- **No**, more work needs to be done at this time to increase involvement

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Future Developments

- Next issue??
- Working with *Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Forum* (CSURF)
- More advertising
- More faculty collaboration

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Links & Resources

Open Journal System (Public Knowledge Project)
<http://pkp.sfu.ca/?q=ojs>

Undergraduate Research Journal at UCCS
<http://ojs.uccs.edu/index.php/urj/index>

UCCS Statistics
<http://www.uccs.edu/~irpage/>

Education Policy Analysis Archives
<http://www.epaa.info/ojs/index.php/epaa>
