

Rod Library Scholarly Communication Update, No. 1, Spring 2012

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 6, 2012

Rod Library is sponsoring a *Scholarly Communication* topic table at the Friday, April 6 *CommUNITY of Scholars* event. We will discuss author rights and retention of certain copyright privileges. This takes place from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Great Reading Room, Seerley Hall.

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Rod Library also is sponsoring a presentation by Karen Fischer, Collection Analysis librarian, University of Iowa, entitled *Know your Copyrights: Ownership and Author Rights*. The presentation is open to the campus. Fischer provides support to University of Iowa faculty on scholarly communications issues and has produced numerous presentations and publications. The presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the University Room at Maucker Union.

Institutional Repository Survey

Rod Library conducted a survey of UNI administrators, faculty, and P&S staff in December, 2010 to assess campus interest in development of an institutional repository and related scholarly communication issues. There were 182 responses; 8 percent said they have had experience with institutional repositories, 52 percent were aware of the institutional repository concept, and 67 percent said they were interested in contributing content to a UNI institutional repository. About 30 percent said they were interested in participating as charter members in development of a UNI institutional repository or in learning more about scholarly communication trends.

During 2011, Rod Library researched and discussed institutional repository issues with our colleagues at the University of Iowa and at Iowa State University. Both are using the Digital Commons platform from Berkeley Electronic Press (be press). Rod Library hosted two presentations by Annie Teng of be Press on April 20, 2011, one for library personnel and the other for university faculty and staff. For more details about be Press: <http://www.bepress.com>

While funding for an institutional repository is not available at this time, we are continuing to research the concept.

Scholarly Communication Website

Rod Library maintains a website which provides information on institutional repositories, author rights, copyright, Scholarly Communication Updates, and digital publications and other resources at UNI. The address for this website is: <http://guides.lib.uni.edu/scholarly-communication>

The author rights page, for example, discusses topics such as why and how to retain copyright of your published works and increase their availability and influence. Retaining all or selective copyright control of your work can be accomplished by submitting manuscripts to journals with unrestrictive policies or by attaching addendums to journal publisher agreements. Standardized addendum forms have been developed by organizations such as the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition. Also, compilations of journal copyright policies can be helpful in selecting journals with less restrictive policies, such as SHERPA/RoMEO, at <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo>