



Module 1: Introduction to Open Access

Topics/ Units

- **Your knowledge & Experience of Open Access**
- Scholarly Communication Process
- Open Access: History and Developments
- Rights and Licenses
- Advocacy for Open Access
- Open Access Research Impacts

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Session 1

Your knowledge & Experience of Open Access

Q&A

- When you hear “Open Access”, what comes into your mind?
- Do you think you practice open access in your library?
- Based on your answers above, do you think our libraries should value open access?

While still in their groups, watch and comment to the video below – ask each participant to give their views based on their experience

❖ **Video:** Open Access – What it is? (8.23mn)



- What lessons are we learning from this video (Key take homes)?
- What do we need to know as librarians about OA?

Your knowledge & Experience of Open Access

Brainstorm/ Self reflection on some key issues in OA

- Progress of every profession, academic discipline and society at large rides on the back of research and development. Research generates new information and knowledge.
- What constitutes/ makes-up the information life cycle?
- Where is research published?
- What has been and continues to be the role of the Web?

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Let us give ourselves a self-reflection of the Journals

- Since their origin in the 17th Century, the journals have remained very popular and important channels for dissemination of new ideas and research.

Q&A: But why are journals a challenge in achieving this goal?

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E-Journals & the Internet/ Web

Q&A:

- a) Is the e-journals addressing this problem? Maybe yes or no - what do you think?
- b) what is the role of the internet?

Your knowledge & Experience of Open Access

It is evident from the literature that OA

- a) In the beginning of the 21st Century emerged the Open Access (OA) movement with the **Budapest Open Access Initiative (BOAI)**.
- b) The Philosophy of OA is to provide free of charge and unhindered access to research and its publications without copyright restrictions.
- c) The other OA declarations - **Berlin and Bethesda** - philosophy is: research funded by tax payers should be available free of charge to tax payers.
- d) Research being a public good should be available to all irrespective of their paying capacity.

Q&A: So, when we talk about OA, what do we mean????

Your knowledge & Experience of Open Access

It is evident from the literature that OA

- a) Open Access has many forms of access and usage varying from
- total freedom from paying any charges,
 - full permission to copy, download, print, distribute, archive, translate and even change format to its usage with varying restrictions.
- a) But also OA didn't come without challenges

Q&A: What challenges have you seen over the years limiting the OA movement??

Your knowledge & Experience of Open Access

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