

Online
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1:00 – 2:00pm

Community Scholars Program

Finding Open Materials Workshop



Agenda

- Introductions
- A brief intro to publisher paywalls and open access
- Sharing and distributing open access research
- Locating open access articles
 - Community Scholars Portal
 - Open Access Button
 - Unpaywall
 - Google Scholar

Poll

Have you encountered paywalls when trying to access academic research?

- a) Yes
- b) No



Publisher Paywalls

- Publishers charge subscription fees to access paywalled academic research
- Academic libraries subscribe to packages of online journals on behalf of the University (students, faculty)
- Limited **access** and ability to **share and reuse** articles



Open Access

Open Access publications are free for anyone with a connection to the open internet to “read, download, copy, distribute, [and] print.”

Authors retain “control over the integrity of their work and the right to be properly acknowledged and cited.”

- From the Budapest Open Access Initiative (2002)



Finding OA articles: 2 ways

1. Articles published in open access journals with a Creative Commons License
2. Articles published in subscription journals, but with a copy made openly available in a repository

Searching for open access articles

1. Articles published in open access journals with a Creative Commons License
 - Many available through the Community Scholars Portal search, with the open access filter
 - Can be printed, distributed, and shared, as long as credit is given to the author

Searching for open access articles

2. Articles published behind subscription paywalls, but with a copy available in an open access repository

- Locate the paywalled version through Google Scholar
- Use OA Button (openaccessbutton.org) or Unpaywall (unpaywall.org) to search for a legal* open access copy

*made open with permission from the copyright holder / publisher

If an open
access copy
is not
available...

- Consider asking the author to send you a copy and / or make the article available
- Contact your librarian (Kate, Dana, Kealin, or Shane) for help with this

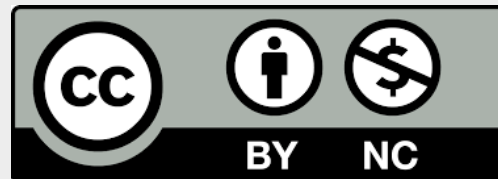
Quick recap...

- Search for open access articles in the Community Scholars Portal, using the OA filter
- Search for subscription articles in Google Scholar, and look for an open access copy through either **Open Access Button** or **Unpaywall**
- If no OA version available, contact the author (or ask your librarian to contact them on your behalf) to request a copy.

Next steps

- Practice/explore
- Ask for support (kshuttle@sfu.ca/ 778-782-7322)
- Get in touch with your ideas/questions
- And.... put your findings into action?

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