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Hosting & Development
- IT Infrastructure SAAS
- Upgrades
- Crosslinking
- SEO
- Mobile
“The repository is a tool to manage the image of the university.”

— Joan Giesecke, Dean of Libraries, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
“Institutional Repositories: Keys to Success” 2011
How can I further optimize my content for discovery through Google and Google Scholar?

What about copyright and permissions?

Can you advise me on a work flow for ETD’s?

How should we organize our content?

Do you have any examples of MOUs between libraries and journals?

What should I ask a new editor who wants to start a journal?

I need to talk to someone who’s done this before!
Focus on success!

“The biggest advantage of the Digital Commons platform system for me is that it allows me to focus on two things:

– Recruiting content
– Boosting usage

I don't have to worry about website design, engineering, maintenance, upgrades, compatibility, storage servers, software…”

—Paul Royster, Coordinator of Scholarly Communication
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Reader from: Amsterdam, Noord-holland, Netherlands
Publication: International Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Conference
Title: The Effects of Non-Condensable Gases in Household Refrigerators
Bucknell Digital Commons

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Links

Create a SelectedWorks Page

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Author Corner

Author FAQ
Submit Research

Browse Research and Scholarship

- Research unit, center, or department
- SelectedWorks Gallery
- Journals and peer-reviewed series

The repository is a service of the Bucknell University libraries. Research and scholarly output included here has been selected and deposited by the individual university departments and centers on campus.

At a Glance
Increasing number of libraries launch IRs

Number of IRs in North America

Years

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Why did you launch an IR?

“Because my campus needs it”
Funding has extended beyond the library.
A New Role for the Library

“While circulation numbers are in decline, the need for support for scholarly communication is on the rise. This provides an opportunity for the library to reposition itself and reassert its value as the center of campus academic life.”

Todd Bruns, Eastern Illinois University

“It Takes a Library: Growing a Robust IR in Two Years”
“My Campus Needs It”

What can an IR do for:

– Faculty
– Students
– The university
FACULTY: Greater Visibility

Published work

Research collections and data

Teaching materials
"My long-ago published bibliography of a forgotten British poet has received over 400 downloads since I uploaded it to my Selected Works page about 18 months ago.

I suspect that number of downloads is more (by a factor of at least 10) than it was even so much as pulled from the shelf of a physical library and glanced at over its entire life as a physical book since 1996 when it was first published.”

Steve Smith, Dean of the Libraries
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
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A big opportunity came along when Professor Dennison got a call from the president of a small business with a NASA/U.S. Air Force contract who urgently needed help with testing, and found the Materials Physics Group in a panicked search of the Web. “One hour [later] he was talking to me and that started our collaboration.” The business partnership continues to be a success. “Beyond the contract funds, this contract is exciting to me because it opened up a door for me into a new branch of work—commercial and practical application of my craft.”
Greater Visibility

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Research collections and data
“Besides enhancing the reputation of the college,...it now provides some information to people that I’m a leader in the field.

It’s also surprisingly led to a number of counties coming forth and suggesting that they may be willing to fund some research and scholarship in these areas.

And finally, one of the major concerns for me was that we had done about four million dollars worth of work in terms of government money.

Now these historical data sets are in fact available to the general public as well as to agencies and lead to development of policy and management in the area.”

Dr. Joseph C. Makarewicz
Professor of Environmental Science, the College at Brockport
In their own words

“Without Terri Fishel’s offer to publish Captive Audiences / Captive Performers online, and her support throughout the long publishing process, this book might never, perhaps, have seen the light of day.”

Sears Eldredge, Professor Emeritus
Theater and Dance Department
Macalester College
“For many (especially younger) researchers, it may be that, if something does not exist online, it may as well not exist at all.”

“But what have you done for me lately?
Commercial Publishing; Scholarly Communication; and Open-Access”
John Conley and Myrna Wooders, Vanderbilt University
Permanent and visible record

Student publishing

Theses & dissertations

Research and creative projects
The Undergraduate Research Commons (URC) is a portal showcasing published works authored by thousands of undergraduate students. There are 700 undergraduate research publications and counting, from 250 colleges and universities and counting, with 16 million downloads and counting.
Why does the university need it?
In their own words

“This endeavor is consistent with the recent strategies developed by the University and the Academic Division to achieve the goals for Cedarville to become a voice of national influence, to increase awareness and reputation, and to elevate the visibility of the scholarship and credentials of its faculty and students.”
A campus showcase

Unique Programs

Centers & institutes

Campus Documents
IRs deliver on visibility
Your Latest Readership Report from ScholarWorks@GVSU and Digital Commons @ Butler University

To me

ScholarWorks@GVSU and Digital Commons @ Butler University notification system <noreply>

Jun 2 (1 day ago) ⭐ 

ScholarWorks@GVSU and Digital Commons @ Butler University

JUNE 2013

Dear Author,

Your Author Dashboard shows you had 22 new downloads in the past month of your 8 papers in ScholarWorks@GVSU and Digital Commons @ Butler University. This brings your total readership to 130.

Digital Commons community examples

7 Total downloads
Author Reports
More Ways to Show Impact
Locally & Globally
Visibility is Essential

"The folks who pay our bills need to and want to know how those investments in the university are benefiting them. Unlike most other enterprises, universities do a lousy job of letting their investors know what they are getting from their investment.

It's time to let the light of universities shine and allow digital repositories to entice additional funding.

David Shulenburger, Vice President for Academic Affairs, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC)
Closing keynote of the SPARC meeting, November 2008."
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