



# Monthly Newsletter

## December 2014

### ***New Website Launched***

The GKR's new website was launched on November 10th. Besides improved search functionality, the website includes resources, such as information about copyright, GKR news and even a spotlight on one of the GKR member's repository. To check it out, please see: [www.gaknowledge.org](http://www.gaknowledge.org).

### ***SPARC's Homepage***

The SPARC homepage is a wonderful resource to check out for Open Access and Open Education Resources news and other trending subjects. For example, on November 12th, the SPARC homepage featured two articles: "Digital Humanities & Open Access: An Interview with Brett Bobley of the National Endowment for the Humanities (by Scott Richard St. Louis); and "Exceptional Students Aren't the Exception: How the Next Generation is Leading the Charge for Open Access" (Nick Shockeey). It also has a Twitter feed about Open Access news and a featured resource. To check it out, please see: [www.sparc.arl.org/](http://www.sparc.arl.org/)

### ***ProQuest ETDs on Amazon.com***

As some may know, ProQuest has been selling some of its Electronic Theses and Dissertations to third-party vendors, such as Amazon.com.

*Inside Higher Ed* reports about this practice at: [www.insidehighered.com/news/2014/11/12/proquest-ends-dissertation-sales-through-amazon](http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2014/11/12/proquest-ends-dissertation-sales-through-amazon).

### ***CHORUS***

In October, we discussed SHARE. The SHared Access Research Ecosystem (SHARE) is an academic and research initiative that promotes the "preservation of, access to, and reuse of research" ([www.arl.org/focus-areas/shared-access-research-ecosystem-share](http://www.arl.org/focus-areas/shared-access-research-ecosystem-share)). A related organization, CHORUS, the Clearinghouse for the Open Research of the United States, is a partnership to "use publishers' existing infrastructure to identify and provide free access to peer-reviewed articles based on publicly supported research" (<http://chronicle.com/blogs/wiredcampus/publishers-propose-public-private-partnership-to-support-access-to-research>). CHORUS was created by publishers to meet the demands of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Open Access Directive ([www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/ostp\\_public\\_access\\_memo\\_2013.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/ostp_public_access_memo_2013.pdf)). For more information, please see: [www.chorusaccess.org](http://www.chorusaccess.org)

### ***Just for Fun***

Coming to TNT in December. The Librarians! Please see: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpKgTOIjHm](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpKgTOIjHm)