



Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome

A giant welcome to the University of North Georgia! UNG has become a member of the GKR Community. Its repository, the Nighthawks Open Institutional Repository, is now included in the Georgia Knowledge Repository.

To check out UNG's institutional repository, please see: <http://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/>

You can search the Georgia Knowledge Repository here at www.gaknowledge.org/

Open Access Week

The theme of Open Access Week 2015 has just been announced. The theme is Open for Collaboration. According to the announcement by SPARC, "the theme highlights the ways in which collaboration both inspires and advances the Open Access movement—from the partnerships behind launching initiatives such as PLOS and ImpactStory, to the working relationships the community has established with policymakers that have delivered Open Access policies around the world." For the official announcement, please see: <http://sparc.arl.org/news/2015-open-access-week-theme-announcement>. **Mark your calendars!** Open Access Week will be held from October 19th through the 25th, 2015.

Coffee Break Series

The 2015 Coffee Break Series will begin shortly. Have a topic about which you would like to learn more? Send your suggestions to Jackie Radebaugh at: radebaugh_jacqueline@columbusstate.edu

DOAJ New Initiative

The Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) is a comprehensive database that lists more than 10,000 Open Access journals. Because of quality concerns, the DOAJ has instituted a new vetting process that will increase the quality of the journals that it lists. The new initiative will also filter out journals that give Open Access a bad name.

For more information, please see: <http://sparc.arl.org/blog/doaj-introduces-new-standards>

Beyond Beall's List

Some might recall that in celebration of the 2013 Open Access Week, Jeffrey Beall spoke to us about predatory Open Access publishers. To discuss both Mr. Beall's list and current/future initiatives to further the campaign against predatory Open Access publishers, Monica Berger and Jill Cirasella wrote the article, "Beyond Beall's List: Better understanding predatory publishers" in the current *College and Research Libraries News*. In the article, the authors ask librarians to help patrons discern between quality and predatory publishers. They also recommend that librarians should be able to "describe the beast, its implications, and its limitations—neither understating nor overstating its size and danger" in order to assist patrons in the Open Access environment.

For more information, please see: <http://crln.acrl.org/content/76/3/132.full>