Monthly Newsletter

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CopyrightX 2015

CopyrightX 2015 is a networked group of courses that explores both copyright in the arts and copyright reform. Created by the Berkham Center, Harvard University and HarvardX, the courses are opened to anyone who applies from October 15th to December 15th. For more information, please see: http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/node/9395

Meta Googling

Have you ever wanted to know how many items are in the scholarly web? How big is Google Scholar and Microsoft Academic Search? The article, "Meta-Googling" (McLemee, S. (October 15, 2014). Meta-Googling. *Inside Higher Ed.* Retrieved from https://www.insidehighered.com/views/2014/10/15/article-studies-size-google-scholar) describes just that. According to some studies, there are 152.7 million documents in Google Scholar. But other studies show that it "only" contains 86,870 items. Only Google knows. The article is online at: https://www.insidehighered.com/views/2014/10/15/article-studies-size-google-scholar)

Networking Repositories Optimizing Impact

For those who missed Karen Calhoun excellent keynote speech on October 2nd, please see her presentation at: http://www.slideshare.net/amarintha/networking-repositories-optimizing-impact-georgia-knowledge-repository-meeting

Outernet

Harvard's Institutional Repository (Dash) is working with Outernet —an internet company that broadcasts "free content by satellite to every part of the globe" (http://bit.ly/1wc5B4W). Outernet provides a way for people without Internet access to access documents from Dash. It also allows people who live under censorship to read information to which they may not have access. For more information, please see: http://bit.ly/1wc5B4W. Check Outernet out at: https://www.outernet.is/

Altmetrics

Article level statistics called Altmetrics are alternatives to the Impact Factor calculations that have been used for decades. Looking at other indicators of scholarly use besides only citations, Altmetrics concentrate on impact indicators such as mentioning works on blog postings, Twitter Tweets, and other use of social media, and article views and downloads.

Plum Analytics (www.plumanalytics.com) is one tool to use to collect Altmetrics. According to its website, it collects Altmetrics from 20 different types of artifacts, including journal articles, books, videos, presentations, conference proceedings, datasets, source code, cases, and more.

Other companies that track Altmetrics are: ImpactStory, and Altmetric.com.