University of Idaho Library
Open Access Faculty Resolution

On August 23rd, 2018 the faculty of the University of Idaho Library voted to adopt the following resolution:

OPEN ACCESS RESOLUTION

The University of Idaho Library faculty believes that open access to scholarship positively supports the communication of library research and scholarship and the future of libraries and education. We aim to reduce barriers to access to enable our local, state, and professional communities to engage with our scholarship. Recognizing that academic scholarship depends upon the ability to access and utilize research output, the Library Faculty at the University of Idaho hereby resolve to make our own research freely available when possible by seeking publishers that have either adopted open access policies, publish contents online without restriction, and/or allow authors to self-archive their publications on the web. We resolve to link to and/or self-archive our publications to make them freely accessible, negotiating with publishers when necessary to achieve this. We recognize that open access and peer-review are independent concepts and regard an adherence to high quality, peer-reviewed scholarship as essential for University of Idaho Library faculty, regardless of the nature of access.

The University of Idaho Library Open Access Resolution is inspired by language from the
Virginia Commonwealth University Library Open Access Resolution.

Several universities in the Orbis Cascade Alliance, Land Grant universities, and among our peer institutions have adopted similar Open Access resolutions, declarations, or policies.

- University of Washington Open Access Resolution
- Oregon State University Open Access Policy
- Colorado State University Libraries Open Access Commitment
- Kansas State University Open Access Policy

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(Peter Suber, 2015, https://legacy.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm)