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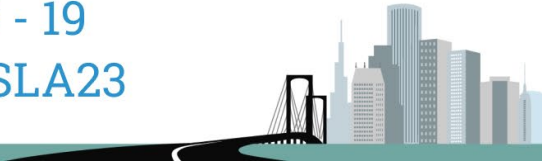
## 2023 Scholarship Award Report Out

“Looking back, forging ahead”

March 7, 2024 | Karen L. Hanus, MLIS, AHIP

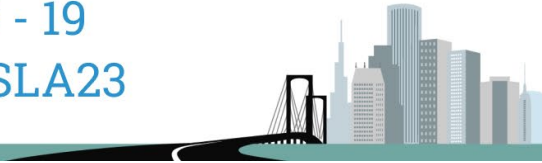
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## Virtual Attendance

- Not as fun
- Not as immersive
- Convenient
- Cheaper



## On the Road to Transformative Agreements

- Symposium Coordinator: Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe from University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- Arthur Boston, Murray State University
- Lieuwe Kool, Amsterdam UMC Academic Medical Centre
- Maria Lopes, Springer Nature
- James Picken, Elsevier



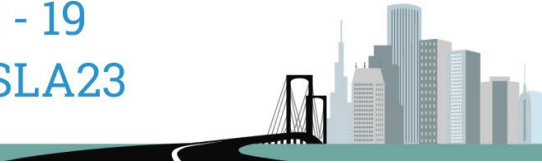
## Traditional Model Evolution

- ✓ Libraries buy journal subscriptions individually
- ✓ Then journal subscriptions became bundled
- ✓ Big Deal
- ✓ Ultimate Deal



## Transformative Agreements

- Build off subscriptions
- Gold Open Access
- You get full reading access and some level of OA
- Price is applied on either the read or publish side
- Consortia pricing could be challenging



## Transformative Agreements

- There should be enough money in the entire library system to move to the OA model without paying extra
- IOW-take the money libraries are paying for subscriptions and use it to support the publication of research by their organizations' authors



## Why are they good for libraries/users?

- Authors don't have to find the money for APCs in their budgets, so it promotes OA publishing
- They create conditions for change in scholarly communication.



## Why are they challenging for libraries?

- It takes time for author behavior to change/the authors don't know they can publish OA even though there's an agreement in place for free publishing
- Predatory publishing confuses authors and stops them from choosing OA





## Why are they challenging for libraries?

- Managing transformative agreements is challenging
- Funding models need to change; in higher education subscriptions are paid from the library budget, but open access fees are paid from research budgets.



## Why are they challenging for libraries/users?

- We are normalizing a system where authors need to pay and where does this leave the authors who are underfunded and underaffiliated
- Puts the burden of the scholarly publishing cost on the large research institutions



## Registry

- ESAC Transformative Agreement Registry
  - <https://esac-initiative.org/>
  - Coordinated by Max Planck Digital Library
  - Customers can share their transformative agreements



## Lightning talk: Evolving & Re-imagining Physical Library Space in Health Care Settings

- Monash Health
- Australia



## Transition for Decades

- Declining print
- Requirement for technology
- Reducing footprints
- Zones that enable collaboration, education, social gathering, wellbeing, and quiet work



## Guiding Principles

- Welcoming and inviting
- Maximize the real estate
- Flexible and adaptable
- Engaging and connected
- Technology and service intertwined
- Choice through variety of zones
- Learning and social space



## Reality of Organizational Context

- Do what you can
- Small steps count
- Never stop!
- Reality is you can't do everything at once
- Be open to opportunities
- Ask your partners what they need



## Eliminating barriers to publishing case reports in open-access journals for medical trainees

- Liz Lorbeer, Ann Harris, Juli McCarroll from Western Michigan University





## Supporting Early Career Researchers

- 42% of Wmed trainees publish at least one peer-reviewed paper
- Increase in trainees engaged in scholarly publishing due to pass/fail scoring of USMLE Step 1 and competitive nature of NRMP match and the fellowship match post residency
- OA fees are not included in tuition



## Case Reports

- Learner's first paper is often a case report
- Case reports usually describe an unusual or novel occurrence
- Case reports are used in education



## Pilot

- BMJ Case Reports
- Fellowship fee covered by the library
- 50 papers between the pre pilot, pilot, and post pilot period have been published in the journal
- 80% of those papers had trainees as a first author



## Challenges

- Not easy for the trainee to identify a case suitable for publication
- BMJ Case Reports acceptance rate is 38%
- Library's budget continues to absorb transformative agreement fees

# Thanks, SWHSL!

