

## York University Libraries



# Open Access Policy for Librarians and Archivists

Librarians and archivists at York University recognize the importance of open access to content creators and researchers in fostering new ideas, creating knowledge and ensuring that it is available as widely as possible. In keeping with our long-standing support of the Open Access movement, York librarians and archivists move to adopt a policy which would ensure our research is disseminated as widely as possible and available in perpetuity through deposit in York's institutional repository, YorkSpace.

## Policy Statement

Academic librarians and archivists at York University<sup>1</sup> commit to making the best possible effort to publish in venues providing unrestricted public access to their works. They will endeavour to secure the right to self-archive their published materials, and will deposit these works in YorkSpace.

The York University academic librarian and archivist complement grant York University Libraries the non-exclusive right to make their scholarly publications accessible through self-archiving in the YorkSpace institutional repository subject to copyright restrictions.

## Guidelines

This policy applies to all scholarly and professional work produced as a member of York University academic staff produced as of the date of the adoption of this policy. Retrospective deposit is encouraged. Co-authored works should be included with the permission of the other author(s). Examples of works include:

- Scholarly and professional articles
- Substantive presentations, including slides and text
- Books/book chapters
- Reports
- Substantive pedagogical materials such as online tutorials

Works should be deposited in YorkSpace as soon as is possible, recognizing that some publishers may impose an embargo period.

This policy is effective as of 01/10/2009 and will be assessed a year after implementation.

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1. As defined by PP 83/004, Section 3.1

“3.1 Membership – all individuals holding appointment at York University Libraries or the Law Library as full-time, reduced load or adjunct librarians.” <https://www.library.yorku.ca/ccm/Staff/Policies/83004.htm>

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