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How the Libraries supports faculty and students in Open Access and scholarly communications

What You Need to Know

1. **The University of Manitoba Libraries are committed to the principles of Open Access (OA)**, as outlined in the *IFLA Statement on Open Access to Scholarly Literature and Research Documentation*. OA benefits researchers and learners by providing equal access to research information and facilitating scholarly communication. The University of Manitoba Libraries includes OA materials in its collections, and provides support for members of the University of Manitoba community who want to make their research findings accessible to the world.
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4. **A good source of information on OA journals is the *Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)***. The DOAJ is a comprehensive listing of all OA scientific and scholarly journals that use a quality control system to guarantee the value of their content.
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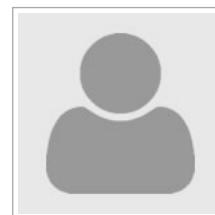
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