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Open Access Statement for McGill University Library

Preamble

McGill University Librarians and Archivists are committed to open access scholarship, the distribution of research outputs online and free of cost, as a way to increase the visibility, usage, and impact of publicly-funded research. Open access to scholarship means more efficient dissemination of research compared with traditional publishing models, and contributes to the creation of a just and equal society by providing barrier-free access to scholarly content to the broadest possible community. We champion and practice open access scholarship at McGill University with the aim to benefit scholars, practitioners, policy makers, and the general public. We encourage the use of this statement as a model for use and endorsement by other members of the McGill community.

The intention of this revised statement adopted April 30, 2020 is to encourage open access publishing of our scholarly outputs. It should be read and interpreted consistently with McGill policies related to academic freedom and intellectual property. It is to replace the Open Access Statement for McGill Library endorsed by McGill Library Council on September 27, 2012.



Open Access Statement

To make our research outputs as widely available and accessible as possible, members of McGill Library Council will strive to disseminate their own work openly and advocate for open access scholarship by employing one or more of the following strategies:

- Deposit a version of the publication in an open access repository
 - For example, McGill Library manages the [eScholarship@McGill repository](https://escholarship.mcgill.ca/) (<https://escholarship.mcgill.ca/>) and provides open access and long-term archiving
 - Retrospective deposit is encouraged
 - Co-authored works should be deposited with the permission of the other author(s)
- Publish in an open access journal
- Openly disseminate any scholarly textual and non-textual outputs in a manner consistent with copyright agreements, legislation, and any granting agencies' requirements
- Advocate in their work as editors, reviewers, and authors, for open scholarship

- Encourage and support McGill researchers, including their Library colleagues, to make their research openly available

Scope

Scholarship includes, but is not limited to:

- Articles
- Books and book chapters
- Conference papers, posters, proceedings, and presentations
- Other scholarship appropriate to the discipline (e.g. research data, source code, working papers, policy documents, etc.)

This statement should be reviewed every two years by the McGill Library's Standing Committee on Scholarly Communications. Any proposed amendments will be brought before Library Council for discussion and endorsement.

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For further information and resources on Open Access, see McGill Library's webpages on the topic:

<https://www.mcgill.ca/library/services/open-access> (<https://www.mcgill.ca/library/services/open-access>)

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