What Should Librarians Demand from Publishers?

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Abstract: This Round Table Discussion continued the conversion of a Lively Lunch at last November’s Charleston Conference developing a list of what Scholarly Communication officers and others want from publishers. A hand-out was provided of the GoogleDoc that came out of that Charleston Conversation and a link to it was provided for additional input after this CARL round-table discussion.
Three questions were brainstormed at this round-table. Questions and inputs are:

1. **What the things that subscription journals could do to facilitate the transition to Open Access?**
   - Acknowledge that author should retain copyright for green OA access; encourage researchers to submit to repository
   - Journals must include a clear statement on their website that green OA archiving is OK.
   - Manuscript Delivery Service like BePress-expresso for law reviews can disseminate the article to repositories not just law reviews.

2. **What are the behaviors of Subscription Journals which hinder the transition to Open Access?**
   - Big Deal packages—should allow the uncoupling of individual titles.
   - Should not charge for access to backfile when you own the print.
   - Continuing to launch new subscription journals instead of OA journals.
   - Financial Opacity
   - Different rules for different geographies for re embargoes, copyright.
   - Restrictions on Data Mining
   - Nondisclosure agreements for pricing terms & conditions
   - Preventing interlibrary loan for e-journals
   - Contracts that obscure the transfer of copyright

3. **What are things that Open Access Journals could do to be more supportive of libraries?**
   - Provide MARC records
   - Support COUNTR stats
   - OA publishers need to be especially clear on measures of quality.