

What Should Librarians Demand from Publishers?

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Abstract: This Round Table Discussion continued the conversation 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.

GoogleDoc: <http://goo.gl/VjTbo5>.

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.