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ROAD MAP OF DIGITALIZATION IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Rector’s decision in June 2017 on open access of scientific publishing in the University of Helsinki

- outlines the University’s academic publishing and proposes many concrete actions and guidelines
- directions for open publishing will be clarified and support services and communication will be developed
HELSINKI UNIVERSITY LIBRARY’S COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

- We make research output available and aim to increase the visibility and accessibility of the HU research output by supporting Open Access publishing.
- We develop and pilot innovative solutions by collaborating with stakeholders.. publishers..
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EVOLUTION OF HU LIBRARY ROLES

Collection building, HU repository

Collaboration with publishers

Library publishing
STEPWISE PROGRESS

• 2014-2015 inhouse reports, repository work, minor pilots
• Nov 2015 collaboration agreement with Finnish Literature Society
  ➢ To open 30+ titles of HU authors
  ➢ Titles in course reading lists
  ➢ Enlarge readership of HU reasearch for wider audience
  ➢ Suomi Finland 100 - HU library celebrates the centennial by launching Open Access publishing initiatives
  ➢ From bilateral collaboration to networks or consortia
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MOTIVATION

• Support scholars in Open Science
• Engage in researchers’ publishing practices and activities
• Learn by doing, immersion & involvement
• To explore and acquire knowledge
• Improve cost awareness
• Digital Leap
• Digital humanities
CHALLENGES

- Funding
- Discoverability
- Distribution channels
- How to communicate the complexities of open access publishing to scholars
- Silo effect vs. Open Science culture
- Library’s role in Open Access monograph field

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NEW COMPETENCIES

- New tasks
- New software & technology
- Altmetrics & Usage statistics
- Evaluation methods and skills
- CC licences – copyright matters
- Soft skills – relationships handling
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FUTURE PLANS

University of Helsinki Open Access Hub 2017-2019 - project

- Launch Helsinki University Press open access publishing platform
- Facilitate and streamline APC procedures
- Build Scholarly Communication office