



Beyond Open Access: Discoverability & Reach In Caribbean Libraries

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Abstract:

Purpose

The purpose of this workshop is to present approaches to Open Access (OA) as well as to highlight what options are currently available in the wider Open Research debate.

Workshop design

This one-hour interactive workshop is designed for 25 participants and it includes:

- Overview of the different types of OA and myth busting practical activity
- Discussion: From Open Access to Open Research
- Practical activity
 - five groups of five participants will identify the drivers, barriers and opportunities and how this relates to their library and its patrons
 - Discussion- What is available now? What are my rights? Who will my work reach? What can I do differently? How can external organisations help?
- Practical Activity- in same groups, apply the points discussed to their library context
- Closing

Final considerations.

Findings

We have found that different communities have different needs and expectations about Open Access. Hosting a forum to clarify ambiguities allows participants to have a clearer understanding of how approaches to OA and Open Research can be adopted and adapted to the Caribbean library.

Practical implications

To support the library to continue providing high quality services and relevant content to their users and to empower librarians to work in collaboration with publishers and external organisations

Value

Emerald Publishing has made a step change in supporting our stakeholders' requirements for OA. We want to ensure that our OA programme underpins the UN Sustainable Development Goals and that Caribbean libraries could benefit greatly from this.

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