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Syracuse University

- Private research university
- R1 (Research Intensive) Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Ed (up from R2 in 2015)
- 15,000 undergraduates
- 5,000 graduate students

Syracuse University Libraries

- Over 4.8 million volumes in the collection
- .5 million visits to the buildings
- 159 full-time library staff
- 49 librarians
- Includes Syracuse University Press

OA Goals

1. Increase reach of SU produced scholarship
2. Increase equity in access to research, scholarship, and creative works
3. Promote a diversity of economic models in publishing

OA Considerations

1. Sustainable budgetary model
2. Sustainable labor input
3. Support the curricular and research needs of the University

OA at SU Timeline

- 2010
  - SURFACE institutional repository launched
- 2013
  - *Public* launched
- 2014
  - Joined SCOAP^3
  - Began support of pooled fund OA projects such as knowledge unlatched
  - SURFACE reaches one millionth downland

OA at SU Timeline

- 2017
  - First *Syracuse Unbound Monograph* published
  - Begin support of *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development* community supported journal model
  - SU Press receives NEH Open Books Grant
- 2019
  - Continue subscriptions to "Subscribe to Open" titles published by Annual Reviews, Berghahn, and more
- 2020
  - OA policy recommendation passed by University Senate*

OA at SU Timeline

- 2021
  - First read and publish agreement with ACS
- 2022
  - Expand to four read and publish agreements
  - Start participation in open monograph projects with MIT Press and University of Michigan Press
- 2023
  - Expand to nine read and publish agreements
  - Begin participation in LYRASIS OACIP

OSTP Memo

- Issued from the Executive Office of the President, Office of Science and Technology Policy on August 25, 2022
- Recommends that **federal agencies**:
  1. Update their public access policies as soon as possible, and no later than December 31st, 2025, to make publications and their supporting data resulting from federally funded research publicly accessible without an embargo on their free and public release;
  2. Establish transparent procedures that ensure scientific and research integrity is maintained in public access policies; and,
  3. Coordinate with OSTP to ensure equitable delivery of federally funded research results and data.

OSTP Memo at SU

- Anything we develop to support NIH policy for 2023 will be useful to extend to all disciplines beyond those funded by NIH after 2025
  - Currently 50% of SU's research dollars come from federal agencies
- Publications resulting from federally funded research will no longer have an embargo period for green OA
- Scholars in disciplines outside of STEM will need guidance for complying with these mandates
- The Libraries will need to comply with these mandates if we seek federal funding for projects that result in data or publications

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