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This issue of SUNYergy puts the focus on Open Access Week - October 18-24, 2010. Open Access Week is an international effort to spotlight trends in scholarly communication and publication that emphasize open and freely available scholarly works online.

We'll hear from some SUNY colleagues about plans on their campuses for the week as well as related conference planning for later in the academic year. Also, what are some suggestions, pointers and tips librarians can use to assist faculty interested in opening up access to their research?

Open Access Week is also a good occasion to review related topics such as repository development, copyright, fair use, open educational resources and legislative/governmental actionsinfluencing scholarly communication.

I asked a prominent thinker in this realm - "why should we be involved in this?" His response, "with the significant changes occurring in the areas of scholarly communication and scholarly publishing, do we want to, years from now, look back and not havehad libraries and librarians involved?"(Ross Atkinson, Cornell University)

"As the price for scholarship exceeds what is affordable and reasonable, resulting in increased profits for publishers and diminished access to information for users, new models must emerge. Stakeholders with an interest in promoting the unfettered flow of scholarship must find common ground and restore this ethic to its proper place." (Barry Eisenberg and Lisa Romero "Restoring the Health of Scholarly Publishing" Academe September-October 2010)

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