CLA Launches Open Access Interest Group

CLA is pleased to announce the creation of the Open Access Interest Group (OAIG). The Open Access (OA) movement seeks to remove barriers to the spread of scholarly information. By making the results of funded research more widely available, more discoverable, and more easily retrievable, OA seeks to foster broad participation in the creation of knowledge. The CLA’s OAIG aims to provide a forum for discussion about OA issues affecting Canadian Libraries, to raise awareness of Open Access initiatives, and to organize OA-related conference sessions and educational opportunities. We will be hosting a pre-conference workshop at the 2nd International PKP Scholarly Publishing Conference in Vancouver this July [http://pkp.sfu.ca/ocs/pkp/index.php/pkp2009](http://pkp.sfu.ca/ocs/pkp/index.php/pkp2009), and will also be promoting and participating in several sessions at CLA 2009 in Montreal.

Co-conveners Leah Vanderjagt (leah.vanderjagt@ualberta.ca) and Lisa Goddard (lgoddard@mun.ca) would like to know how we can help you understand, undertake, and support Open Access initiatives in your library. Anyone can join our mailing list at [http://www.freelists.org/list/cla-oa](http://www.freelists.org/list/cla-oa). We encourage CLA members to join the OAIG when renewing their annual membership.

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