Open Access Week 2014 is October 20-26 and Harvard is celebrating! OA Week is an international event highlighting open access to research and promoting open access as the new default for peer-reviewed scholarship and research. OSC is planning a series of Harvard-based open-access announcements and outreach tools highlighting the advantages of open access. To participate, learn more about open access, or download outreach tools, visit our Open Access Week website: https://osc.hul.harvard.edu/oaweek2014.

HMS Launches Electronic Dissertation Submissions

Harvard Medical School is the first unit at Harvard to adopt the University’s new electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs) submission tool. This launch is the result of a coordinated effort, which included support and advice from a dozen University departments, coupled with development and outreach help from the OSC. Twenty dissertations from 2014 were submitted via ETDs@Harvard and are now available in DASH, Harvard’s open-access repository, in addition to being archived in the Countway Library of Medicine. Since July, these works have been downloaded almost 400 times.

"As a parent with a child diagnosed on the autism spectrum disorder, I am grateful for free access to scholarly research that allows me to learn more about ASD without diverting resources that can be better applied to serve the needs of my child."

Feedback from DASH patron, received July 8, 2014

The Office for Scholarly Communication (OSC) spearheads campus-wide initiatives to open, share, and preserve scholarship. With support from OSC, open-access policies are now in place at eight Harvard University schools. OSC also runs supporting programs, such as DASH, Library Lab, and the HOPE Fund.

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