Elise B. Newell Seminar Series Event

Scholarly Publishing & Open Access: Perils, Promises, & Peer Review

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The scholarly publishing landscape is changing nearly as quickly as technology will allow. One of the most significant changes is open-access publishing. Open-access publishing promises scholars a way to maximize their research impact and promises librarians a way to eliminate price barriers and permission barriers. In light of this apparent “win-win” for scholars and libraries, a dark side of perils has emerged including predatory publishers who hide behind the promise and use technology to reap financial rewards. To complicate the situation further, the scholarly publishing world was rocked by recent news about the failure of peer review, which allowed computer generated fake research articles to be published in well-known scholarly journals. This presentation will outline the perils and promises of open-access publishing including predatory publishers, open access models, emerging alternatives for measuring impact, and how libraries are engaged in shaping the future of scholarly publishing.