

## **Libraries Host Events Highlighting Open Access Week, 10/21-10/25**

The University of Texas Libraries is promoting the movement for unobstructed accessibility to scholarly research in a series of events marking international [Open Access Week 2013](#).

Open Access Week — now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year — carries the theme “Open Access: Redefining Impact” and features events worldwide meant to inform the public about the potential benefits of Open Access.

The Libraries will be hosting a slate of events to raise awareness of issues related to open access — copyright and [fair use](#), [data sharing](#), [self-archiving](#), global scholarly collaboration and even [remix culture](#), among others — that are becoming increasingly significant, especially in relation to the evolution of digital and distance learning at major research universities. All events are free and open to the public.

### **Wikipedia Editathon**

Monday, October 21, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Perry-Castañeda Library, Room 1.124

Students, faculty, staff, researchers and community members interested in becoming [Wikipedians](#) and improving the open educational content of this online encyclopedia can participate in the Libraries' first [editathon](#). The event will feature a short introduction to the basics of editing followed by an editing session where participants can contribute expertise to Wikipedia, receive one-on-one assistance from experienced editors and learn how to access the resources of the University of Texas Libraries, including the open access resources found in the [UT Digital Repository](#). Free snacks will be provided.

### **Open Access & the University (Panel Discussion)**

October 22, 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Student Activity Center, Room 2.302

A panel of university experts participate in a question and answer session about [Open Access](#) issues. Discussion topics will include the [National Institutes of Health requirement](#) to post articles in PubMed Central; funding agency requirements to create and share [data management plans](#); the recent White House memorandum expanding public access to the results of federally-funded research; and the bipartisan [FASTR](#) (Fair Access to Science & Technology Research Act) bill. Panel members are: [Maria](#)

[Esteva](#), Texas Advanced Computing Center; [Georgia Harper](#), University of Texas Libraries; [Tracie Harrison](#), College of Nursing; [Colleen Lyon](#), University of Texas Libraries; and [Elena Mota](#), Office of Sponsored Projects. Food and refreshments will be provided (while they last) to attendees.

### **Open Educational Resources – Past, Present, Future**

October 23, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Student Activity Center, Room 1.118

[Garin Fons](#), Project Manager for the Center of Open Educational Resources and Language Learning, discusses the inception and evolution of [Open Educational Resources](#) (OER) over the past ten years and where the Open Education movement might be headed in the years to come. Food and refreshments will be provided (while they last) to attendees.

### **Open Access Week Movie Screening — *RIP: A Remix Manifesto***

October 24, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Fine Arts Library, Room 3.200

Explore copyright and open access issues at a screening of [RIP: A Remix Manifesto](#), a 2008 open source documentary film about "the changing concept of copyright" directed by Brett Gaylor. Following the film, a discussion session will consider how these copyright, intellectual property and related issues affect education at the university and in our everyday lives. Food and refreshments will be provided (while they last) to attendees.

### **Open Access Scholarly Publishing with the Texas Digital Library**

October 25, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Student Activity Center, Room 1.118

[Debra Hanken Kurtz](#), director of the [Texas Digital Library](#) (TDL), discusses the free scholarly publishing services available to university faculty. In addition to exploring the value of Open Access publishing generally as a means of increasing journals' readership and their contributions to the public good, Kurtz

will discuss [Open Journal Systems](#), a journal management and publishing tool used by thousands of scholarly journals worldwide and available through TDL. Food and refreshments will be provided (while they last) to attendees.