Open Access: Necessary but Insufficient for Societal Change?

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Open Access As a Public Good

The future is already here — it's just not very evenly distributed.

William Ford Gibson, 1993
We are collaborating with Roscoe Collegiate.

- Member of the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium
- Roscoe Collegiate is developing a multiple measure accountability system, including student-developed research presentations and evidence-based electronic portfolios.
- Grades 3-12 STEM research program with capstone experience (grade 12) focusing on agriculture
- Program seeks student success in college and workforce readiness.
Designed a portal that bypasses the need for authentication and allows a user to search through a collection of open access materials. Working with Ex Libris, the vendor from which we license our Primo discovery layer, we installed a separate instance of Primo aimed at aggregating open access materials and making them accessible to the public. This dedicated portal will draw materials identified as open access from the Primo Central Index, a “meta-aggregation of hundreds of millions of scholarly e-resources of global and regional importance,” including “journal articles, e-books, reviews, legal documents and more.”

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Search Results

ETD: 8
J Article: 10
Ref Article: 1
Govt Report: 1
Conf Proc Article: 9
Bad link: 1
Teacher Critiques

“It was very helpful to me as I used it for writing some curriculum material.

“Another teacher I know used it for her work on her masters degree.”

“We used it in our college readiness program to teach students the differences between lower level sources and academic sources.”

“Lastly, our STEM research class students used it to find sources!”
Design and Use

Texas A&M Resource: Trusted
One Search Portal: Easy
Scholarly Documents: Useful
Open Access: Accessible
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(Open) Access is necessary but incomplete for impact.

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