

# University of Saskatchewan Librarians and Archivists Open Access Commitment

## **Preamble**

The collegium of librarians and archivists at the University of Saskatchewan believes that the free exchange of information and ideas advances the interests of humanity and unites rich and poor nations in shared intellectual pursuits. Open Access to scholarly communication benefits the common good by accelerating the creation of knowledge world-wide while simultaneously increasing the visibility of research results. We endorse the principles of Open Access and endeavour to make our research as openly available and widely distributed as possible.

## **Statement of Commitment**

Librarians and archivists agree to deposit the output of our scholarly activities in [eCommons@USASK](mailto:ecommons@usask.ca), subject to copyright restrictions.

This commitment applies to all forms of published scholarly work produced from the date of adoption, including:

- a) books/book chapters
- b) journal articles
- c) conference proceedings
- d) reviews

Deposit of material published prior to adoption of this commitment, and of other forms of scholarly work such as substantial presentations or reports, is encouraged.

University of Saskatchewan librarians and archivists will also make a conscientious effort to publish in open access venues, where possible.

## **Review**

The commitment and guidelines will be assessed by the collegium one year following adoption.

Date of Adoption: \_\_January 26, 2010\_\_