**Why are the economics of scholarly publishing important to Florida Tech?** Florida Tech pays $641,846 per year for print subscriptions to 738 titles at an average cost of $870 per title. Several individual titles cost more than $10,000 per year. Subscription prices increase by about 10% per year. However, the Library's A to Z journal list provides full-text access to over 13,000 journal titles.

**Why is Open Access a new buzz-word on campus?** Several economic models are emerging to challenge the increasingly concentrated and monopolistic journal publishing industry. Open Access is one of these models. Some managers of open access repositories exact an author charge for publication. Some or all author charges are waived through institutional memberships in the open access repository. You will find 1,795 peer-reviewed open access journals in the Directory of Open Access Journals at www.doaj.org. Four hundred and forty-five of these journals are searchable at article level, and 78,177 articles are included in the directory. To educate all of us on the Open Access model, the Association for Research Libraries’ Julia Blixrud will address the campus community on October 20.

**What is the generally accepted definition of Open Access?** Open Access scholarly literature includes peer-reviewed journal articles given to the world without expectation of payment. Open access means “free availability on the public internet, permitting any users to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of these articles, crawl them for indexing, pass them as data to software, or use them for any other lawful purpose, without financial, legal, or technical barriers other than those inseparable from gaining access to the internet itself. The only constraint on reproduction and distribution, and the only role for copyright in this domain, should be to give authors control over the integrity of their work and the right to be properly acknowledged and cited.”

**How did this generally accepted definition of Open Access originate?** This definition was adopted as the Budapest Open Access Initiative at a meeting held in Budapest by the Open Society Institute (OSI) on December 1-2, 2001. The Open Society Institute, founded by philanthropist George Soros, provides funding to promote institutional self-archiving, to launch new open-access journals, and to help these journals to become economically self-sustaining.

**Does the Library advocate Open Access?** The Library advocates faculty understanding of the economics of scholarly publishing that affect their ability to publish in peer-reviewed journals and their ability to have access to the literature in their disciplines. The Library recognizes that each faculty member has unique needs and views, and rejoices that each faculty member has opportunities to speak and to be heard.

*Sources are available on request.*