

DISCOVERING THE BEST OPEN ACCESS DIGITAL RESOURCES

A FREE CONTINUING EDUCATION TUTORIAL SERIES

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Evaluating the costs and benefits of digital resources is a never-ending challenge for librarians and other information professionals. In this four-part tutorial series, Professor Péter Jacsó provides an overview of the latest tools and techniques to evaluate database content, open access options, the cost effectiveness of database subscriptions, and diverse quality metrics.

The tutorial series includes resources of interest to academic, public, school and special librarians and other information professionals. A certificate of completion for each session will be provided to attendees. Current and former students are welcome to attend as well. Remote access via Halawai (Adobe Connect) will be available as resources permit. Registration is free.

The four sessions will be held from 1:00pm to 3:40pm on the ground floor of Hamilton Library, Room 3F. Each session will be offered on a Wednesday, and repeated at the same time on the following day:

Jan 20, 21: Content Profiling of LIS-related Databases: What Publishers Never Tell You

Using LIS-related databases as a sample, learn database content evaluation and comparison methods that will allow you to identify the most worthy databases for your institution, and provide data-driven licensing recommendations.

Feb 17, 18: Open Access Databases, Pre-print/Reprint Repositories, Journals, and Books: The Bird's Eye View

Did you know that—among others—Elsevier, Springer, and Wiley allow free searching of a combined 30 million articles, conference papers, and book chapters? Or that Google Scholar and Microsoft Academic Search have processed and indexed nearly 150 million publications? Learn about these and other open sources for browsing, searching and discovering pertinent primary documents. If those documents are in an open access journal or book, or the relevant items are designated open access then the full text can be also displayed/printed/saved even if the library has not bought the book or subscribed to the journal.

Mar 16, 17: Calculating the Most Bang for Your Subscription Buck (note corrected date from previous announcement)

The license fees for digital resources (journals, books, conference proceedings) keep increasing while library budgets have been stagnating. In this session you will learn how to get the most for your institution's acquisition/subscription dollar.

Apr 20, 21: Reliability and Comparability of Traditional and Alternative Quality Indicators & Metrics

Many disciplinary and institutional repositories provide full text documents, often along with the number of citations received and other metrics of quality and impact. However, these numbers are not always accurate or complete. Learn about the tradeoffs of diverse publication quality metrics, and which work best for your institution.

To RSVP: Please send email to LISinfo@hawaii.edu by November 30 with your name and the sessions and dates you'd like to attend, and whether you will require remote access via Halawai. We look forward to seeing you!

For further information about the presenter, visit: <http://www2.hawaii.edu/~jacso>