

# Call for papers: Current issues in scholarly publishing

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The Canadian Journal of Information and Library Science invites submissions to a special issue on current issues in scholarly publishing in Canada and globally.

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The academic publishing landscape is rapidly evolving in response to both continued and emerging challenges. Efforts to transition away from subscription publishing models have posed a series of new challenges: as open access models diversify, so too does the complexity of navigating licensing (Baldwin & Pinfield, 2018), embargoes (Koley & Lala, 2022), predatory publishing (Grudniewicz et al., 2019), and supporting authors with the rising costs of Article Processing Charges (Butler et al., 2023) through transformative agreements (Fontúrbel & Vizentin-Bugoni, 2020; Farley et al., 2021). In tandem, the Open Science movement has catalyzed advancements in publishing infrastructures and tools, such as preprint servers (Ni & Waltman, 2024). Open peer review initiatives such as [Peer Community In](#) (PCI) and [MetaROR](#) have emerged, aiming to facilitate the open communication and evaluation of research. These developments further exacerbate and emphasize the necessity of working towards a more inclusive and equitable scientific system (Demeter & Istratii, 2020).

## Objectives of the special issue

Rapid developments in policy, practice, and research about scholarly publishing make this a critical time to survey how such issues are being addressed. While scholarly publishing takes place on a global scale, we invite authors to consider the effect of these issues in a Canadian context and globally. This special issue hopes to promote information exchange, collaboration, and productive discussion to advance how we think about and tackle current issues in scholarly publishing in a national context.

We welcome contributions on a broad range of topics using a diverse range of methods and theories. Submissions from

students and practitioners are encouraged. CJILS accepts a diverse range of formats including research articles, research notes, reviews, commentaries, and book reviews. See the journal's [authorship guidelines](#) for more details on accepted submission formats.

## Important dates

Please submit your manuscript in either official language (English or French) through the [OJS](#) by December 31st, 2024. Please indicate in your cover letter that you are submitting to the special issue. Submissions will be reviewed as they are received and published upon acceptance. The issue will be officially launched in spring 2025.

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