

# Libraries as Publishers:

## Using Open Journal Systems to Produce OA Content

The presentation slides are available at: <http://www.uccs.edu/~tfarney/cal2009.ppt>

### Open Journal Systems Pros/Cons

#### Pros

- Free
- Open Source
- Local installation
- Customizable, but ready “out of box”

#### Cons

- “Indirect” costs in time, staff and technology
- Support issues
- Requires access to web server/tech savvy staff
- Major changes require HTML, PHP and MySQL

#### About Open Journal Systems

Open Journal Systems, or OJS, is one of the many journal management systems available today. OJS is developed by Public Knowledge Project, a Canadian research program of faculty, librarians and graduate students in Canada and the United States. See the Public Knowledge Project’s Open Journal System web site for more information: <http://pkp.sfu.ca/?q=ojs>

### Examples of OJS in Action

*Undergraduate Research Journal at UCCS (URJ-UCCS)*  
<http://ojs.uccs.edu>

*Collaborative Librarianship*  
<http://www.collaborativelibrarianship.org/>

*Library Student Journal*  
<http://www.librarystudentjournal.org>

*Idaho Librarian*  
<http://www.idaholibraries.org/idlibrarian/index.php>

### Guide to help you start publishing resources

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