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Abstract
Over the last decade institutional repositories (IR) have become an integral part of the academic library environment across the United States and the globe. In 2015 the Hilton M. Briggs Library at South Dakota State University (SDSU) became the first South Dakota university or college to launch an IR. Open PRAIRIE (Public Research Access Institutional Repository and Information Exchange) began operations on September 25, 2015. In its first year, Open PRAIRIE has developed a collection of nearly 9,000 items representing a campus cross-section of scholarly output including: faculty articles, ETDs (Electronic Theses and Dissertations), undergraduate student research, and historical materials of both the Agricultural Experiment Station, and the SDSU Cooperative Extension. These items have been downloaded over 19,000 times in the last year of operations, with a current average of approximately 3,000 downloads a month from readers in over 150 countries around the world.

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With the goal of collecting, preserving, and disseminating the scholarly, creative, and cultural output of the land-grant institution, South Dakota State University became the first South Dakota college or university to launch an institutional repository (IR). Open PRAIRIE: Public Research Access Institutional Repository and Information Exchange went live in late September of 2015. Through the use of early collection development, targeted outreach, and cross-campus collaborations, Open PRAIRIE has added over 8,500 items resulting in more than 19,900 downloads across the globe. With many library endeavors, the outcome of the first year can influence and ultimately determine the overall success of any project.

Works Deposited by Month
One of the numerous strengths of the Digital Commons™ software running Open PRAIRIE is the ability to batch upload items using spreadsheets or XML. This provides the opportunity to deposit hundreds of items with accompanying metadata at one time to jump-start repository first year growth.

Introduction

Year One By the Numbers

Downloads and Page Views
This map highlights the global reach of SDSU scholarship and creative works.

- Downloads: 19,944
- Metadata Page Hits: 11,218
- Institutions (IP address): 2,245
- Countries: 156
- Referrers: 1,818
- New Visitor: 59.5%
- Sessions: 11,854
- Users: 7,189

The second year of Open PRAIRIE will focus on continuing the South Dakota State University land-grant mission with a combination of campus outreach, an increase of faculty involvement, the digitization of SDSU thesis/dissertations from 1927-1988, and the continued archiving of Agricultural Experiment Station and SDSU Cooperative Extension materials.

Future Directions

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