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OCUL's quarterly catch-up... read about what's new in Scholars Portal, announcements from our member libraries and future OCUL plans and initiatives

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OCUL Strategic Planning Update

Thanks for all the thoughtful feedback we received in response to the survey. Find out about the next steps in the planning process.



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Scholars Portal Update

Find out about E-Journals Mobile, SPUD and some other great service updates the Scholars Portal team has been working on.

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... Meet the OCUL/SP Staff

Get to know who's who at OCUL / Scholars Portal and find out how you can connect with colleagues in other libraries through our SPOTDocs wiki.



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Turning over a new leaf...

The leaves are now falling on our campuses (with snowflakes arriving on a few) and preparations are underway for our Fall Directors Meeting. Along with the essential administrative and budgeting work to be conducted on November 9th and 10th we'll be learning about new work currently in progress including the draft Scholars Portal Collections Policy (from OCUL Information Resources) and recommendations from the E-Theses Task Force, as well the latest developments in Scholars Portal and OCUL strategic planning results. The meeting will also offer the OCUL leadership an opportunity to hear about recent achievements and milestones, the status of projects in development, and visions for our future course.

This is information we also want to share with our members. We know that improving communication with our membership is a priority for you, and it is for the Executive as well. With this inaugural OCUL Quarterly Update we hope to provide an overview of where we are at and where we are headed in the next few months. There are a number of great things to tell you about. Two of particular note:

E-Journals 20 Million Milestone

In the week of October 25th, 2010 our Scholars Portal staff loaded the 20 Millionth article into our E-Journals platform. This is a testament to OCUL's commitment to the preservation of digital scholarship and the value we place on ensuring effective access to information. We have one of the best collections of scholarly articles available from any source, and with the support of our members it continues to grow.



International Polar Year

OCUL has been selected as a data management partner in a Data Assembly Network for the International Polar Year (IPY) Program. Scholars Portal will act as a repository for scientific research data focused on the Arctic and Antarctic regions

collected by Canadian scientists. This selection only strengthens our reputation as leaders in data management and the creation of technical infrastructure supporting research in Ontario. We should take pride in this opportunity to be a point of access to important Canadian research.

Please read on to learn more about service developments taking place at Scholars Portal and for a snapshot of the structure of OCUL and some of the people whose dedication ensures our continued success. It is because of our strong membership that we are able to provide such great service in support of Ontario university students, faculty and researchers.

Leslie Weir, Chair, OCUL,
University Librarian, University of Ottawa

P.S. – Tell us what you think!

We want the OCUL Quarterly Update to be of real value to you. Please let us know what you liked, what you would scrap and topic suggestions for future issues. Send your comments to: Kerry Kelly, Communications & Member Engagement Officer: kerry.kelly@ocul.on.ca



VOTRE PORTAIL VERS LA RECHERCHE ET L'APPRENTISSAGE

Scholars Portal en français

French-language search functionality was added to the E-Journals platform over the summer, and with the recent launch of our French-language E-Books interface, now all Scholars Portal services developed in-house can be accessed in both official languages.

E-Journals on your phone

E-Journals can go where you go thanks to the launch of our E-Journals Mobile application. Search and download 20 million articles (and counting!) with your smartphone.

E-Books chapter downloads

As of August, our E-Books platform now offers a chapter download feature on all Springer titles.

Work is also underway on E-Books user accounts that will allow users to save book searches, sort into folders, copy and paste pieces of text, bookmark passages and take and save personal notes. The accounts are slated to launch this fall.

Scholars Portal Usage Data Tool (SPUD)

With SPUD you can review usage statistics for all collections or filter by publisher or calendar year. You can also create and download usage reports or view them online any time.

To find out more visit:

[http://spotdocs.scholarsportal.info/display/oculir/Scholars+Portal+Usage+Data+\(SPUD\)+Documentation](http://spotdocs.scholarsportal.info/display/oculir/Scholars+Portal+Usage+Data+(SPUD)+Documentation)

(You will need your SPOTDocs login)

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See you soon...

Scholars Portal Day - December 10, 2010

Mark your calendars, Scholars Portal Day is Coming! This year we'll explore Evaluation & Assessment and are pleased to announce that Site Logic's Matt Bailey will be our keynote speaker.

Learn more about Matt: www.sitelogicmarketing.com

We are looking forward to seeing those of you who can attend in person, but also want to encourage those who can't come to Toronto to take in some of our great speakers online. Plans are underway for the streaming of sessions from U of T's Trinity College George Ignatieff Theatre. Book a room at your library and have a Scholars Portal Day of your own!

As registration information becomes available it will be posted on the Scholars Portal Day & Events space on the SPOTDocs wiki:

<http://spotdocs.scholarsportal.info/display/SPD/Scholars+Portal+Events>

(You will need your SPOTDocs login)

And don't forget...

Other key meetings taking place in December:

OCUP Map Group - Dec. 8th

Data in Ontario (DINO) - Dec. 9th

Resource Sharing - Dec. 9th

Plus look for the Scholars Portal booth at this year's [OLA Superconference](#) - February 2nd to 5th, 2011 at the Toronto Convention Centre



A new look for ODESI

New ODESI promotional materials have been created for member use. The package includes a redesigned logo in line with the Scholars Portal visual identity, a bookmark / web banner file, a promotional flyer and an updated 4-page instruction document. You can download materials from the ODESI wiki space on SPOTDocs:

<http://spotdocs.scholarsportal.info/display/odesi/introduction>

(You will need your SPOTDocs login)

Look for similar packages for other Scholars Portal services in the coming months.



In Other News...

Geospatial Portal project

Working with the ESRI Canada Professional Services Team, Scholars Portal staff completed the installation and configuration of the ArcGIS software and test data loading has begun.

Annual report highlights online

A highlight document of Scholars Portal activities and accomplishments from the past year is available for viewing and downloading on the SPOTDocs wiki:

<http://spotdocs.scholarsportal.info/display/sp/Publications>

(You will need your SPOTDocs login)

SPOD on the wiki

Those interested in information on the Scholars Portal Operations and Development Committee can find [meeting minutes](#), [annual reports](#) and a [Scholars Portal Timeline](#) here:

<http://spotdocs.scholarsportal.info/display/spod/Home>

(You will need your SPOTDocs login)

Follow Scholars Portal on Twitter: twitter.com/scholarsportal



HELLO
my name is

*The OCUL/Scholars Portal staff team has grown.
To get up to speed on who's who around here read on:*

Scholars Portal

Alan Darnell: Manager, Scholars Portal Services

Project & Service Librarians:

Kate Davis: E-Books Project Coordinator

Amy Greenberg: Client Services Librarian

Leanne Hindmarch: Data & Geospatial Librarian

Bartek Kawula: Client Services Librarian

Dana Thomas: Evaluation & Assessment Librarian

Wei Zhao: Metadata Librarian

Software Development & Support:

Vidhya Arvind: Senior Software Engineer

Agnes Bai: System & Web Development Analyst

Jayanthy Chengan: Software Developer

Rouzbeh Farahmand: Software Developer

Dileshni Jayasinghe: Software Developer

Sepehr Mavedati: Software Developer

Shahin Sahebi: Software Developer

Majid Valipour: Software Developer

Systems Development & Support:

Amaz Taufique: Senior Systems Manager

Kevin Wong: Systems Manager

Miki Wong: Systems Manager

Join us in wishing a warm welcome to our
newest Scholars Portal team members:

Stephen Marks: Digital Preservation
Policy Librarian

Ravit David: Digital Content
Production Manager



*Some faces from the 7th floor of Robarts
... and on the SPOTDocs wiki*

OCUL

Kathy Scardellato: Executive Director

Faye Abrams: Projects Officer, E-Resources & ILL

Alex So: Budget & Admin. Assistant

Jacqueline Cato: Admin. Assistant, E-Resources

Kerry Kelly: Communications &

Member Engagement Officer

Colleen Neely: Librarian on Leave (Carleton)

... And You Are ?

We'd like to get to know you too. Did you know you can add a profile and picture to the SPOTDocs wiki so that colleagues from other schools can put a face to your name? You can set up a profile and introduce yourself to the OCUL membership in the People Directory:

<http://spotdocs.scholarsportal.info/browsepeople.action?startIndex=>
(You will need your SPOTDocs login)

Strategic Directions

Over the summer and fall the Strategic Planning Steering Committee created a set of overarching statements about the work that OCUL does and the direction it will take in the coming years. Three proposed Strategic Directions will be presented to the Directors during the fall meeting in November, and once approved will act as a guide for the collaborative work of our member institutions, groups and committees.

The committee is grateful to our OCUL Directors, our membership, and our partners for the thoughtful and constructive feedback shared with us through this process. The comments, questions and ideas received during our consultation period provided much needed insight into how these directions can be interpreted and implemented at the functional level. You have our thanks.

I would also like to extend a personal thank you to the members of the Steering Committee for the time and energy they devoted to this project. Their dedication and creativity are much appreciated. Thanks to: Pamela Drayson (UOIT), Margaret Haines (Carleton), Mark Haslett (Waterloo), Mary Ann Mavrinac (Toronto-Mississauga), Leslie Weir (Ottawa), Catherine Wilkins (Western Ontario), and Kathy Scardellato (OCUL).

Margaret Grove, Chair, OCUL Strategic Planning Steering Committee,
University Librarian, Brock University

Knowledge Ontario

To support the ongoing viability of Knowledge Ontario, OCUL will provide \$200,000 in funding support to the organization in 2010-11. OCUL hopes this action will provide further impetus to our cross-sector partners and to government to sustain this valuable information access point.

OCUL Upgrades

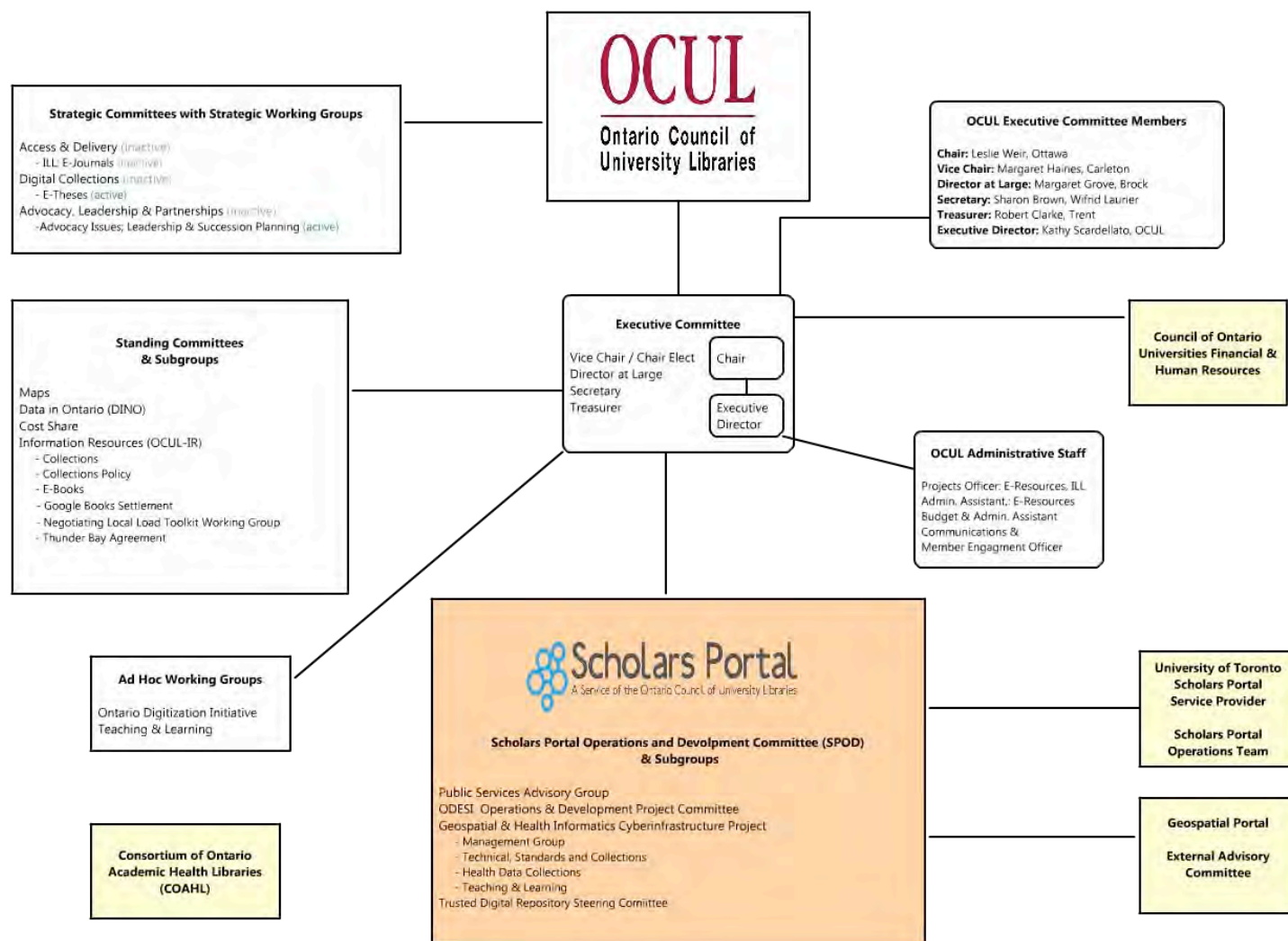
As part of our efforts to improve communications and access to OCUL information, the OCUL website (www.ocul.on.ca) will be undergoing a redesign over the winter.

In the meantime you may notice some style and format improvements and content enhancements to the following sections:

OCUL History
OCUL Organizational Chart
Committees & Groups

OCUL Committees & Groups

*The OCUL Organizational Chart is a snapshot of how we work together.
So much of our success is due to the work of our dedicated volunteers who collaborate on a variety of projects as members of our committees and working groups.*



Find out more...

For further information on OCUL Committees & Groups including mandates, membership, and appointment processes please visit:

<http://www.ocul.on.ca/view.php?id=1086>

Interested in being part of an OCUL Committee or Working Group?

Contact OCUL's Communications & Member Engagement Officer Kerry Kelly for more information: kerry.kelly@ocul.on.ca

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