Scholarly Communication Initiatives at The University of Western Ontario

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Successes

- Launch of Scholarship@Western as Western's scholarly communication portal
- Some faculty members' and students' understanding that the library provides services to support different types of scholarly communication
- Partnerships with different constituencies on campus to disseminate scholarly content

Challenges

- Faculty's and students' apathy to scholarly communication issues
- Difficulty in engaging subject liaison librarians in scholarly communication activities
- Insufficient staffing for scholarly communication initiatives

Plans

- Continue to partner with different constituencies on campus to disseminate scholarly content generated at or sponsored by Western
- Promote author rights and the benefits of using Creative Commons licenses
- Create an assessment scheme to help determine future directions of scholarly communication initiatives