



Open Access “Elevator Speech” for Subject Liaisons

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The goal of OA is to democratize information access by removing the price barriers that restrict serious research.

That said, the movement is fully compatible with traditional scholarly practices such as peer review, intellectual property, citation, and prestige.

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