Brock Library forced to shed journal subscription costs

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Effective Dec 31, Brock will cancel a major package of electronic subscriptions to 1,363 journals distributed by US-based Wiley-Blackwell, which is one of about a half-dozen major companies who control most of the world's academic publishing industry.

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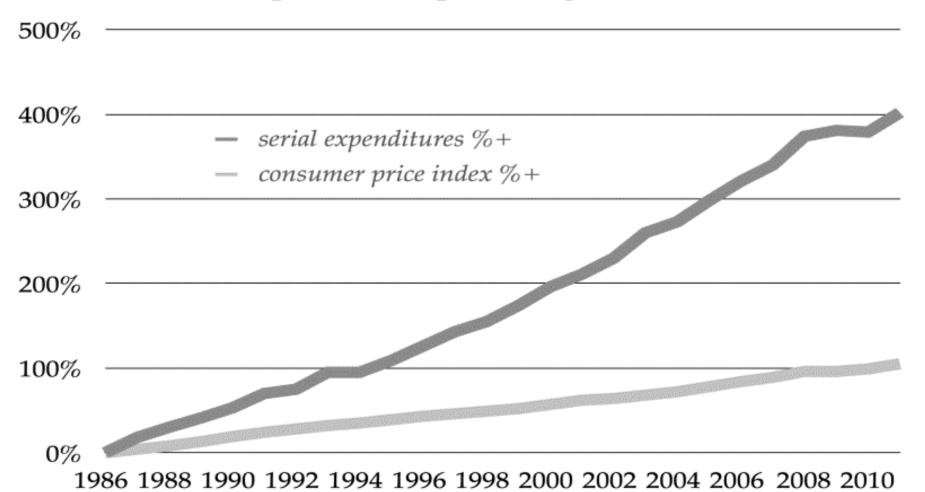
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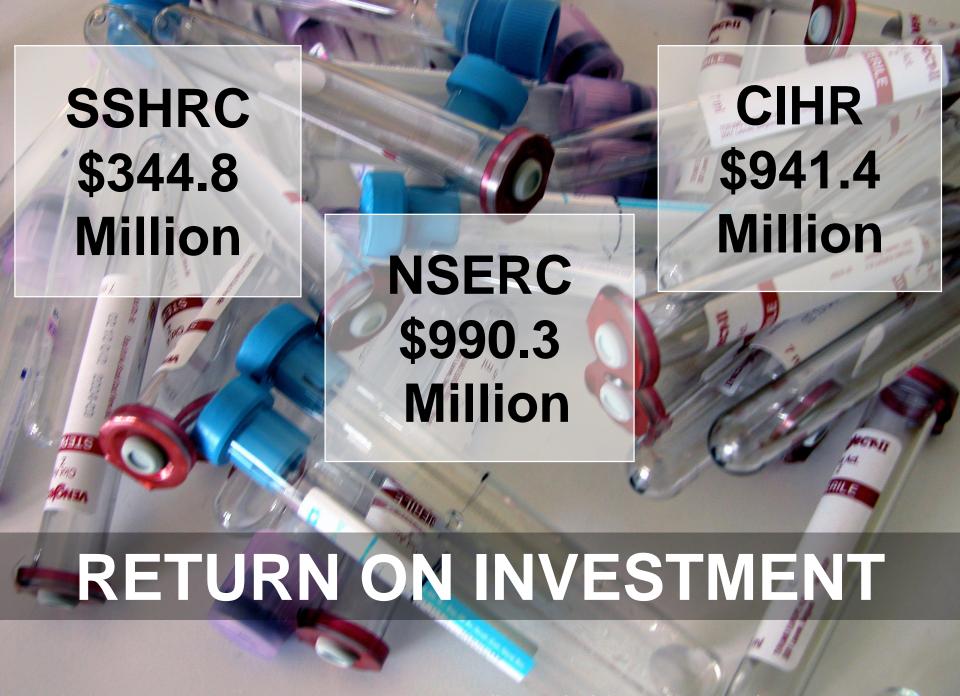
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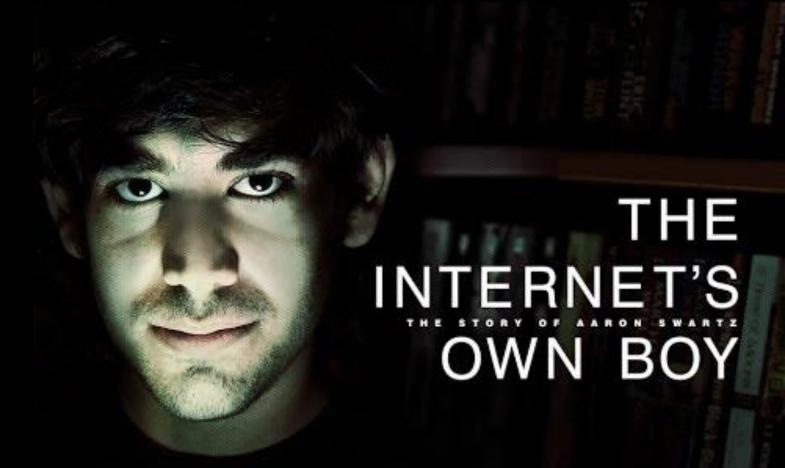
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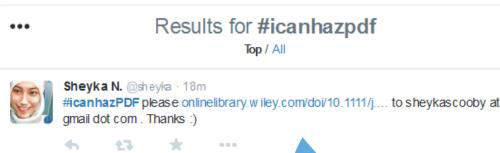
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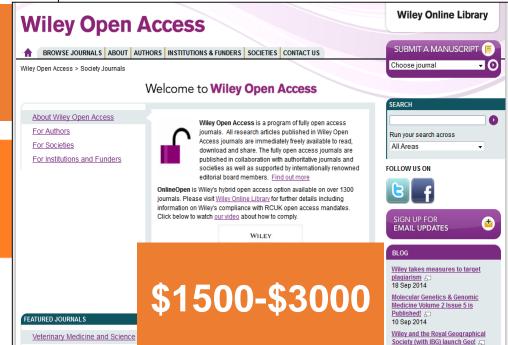» Open access track record
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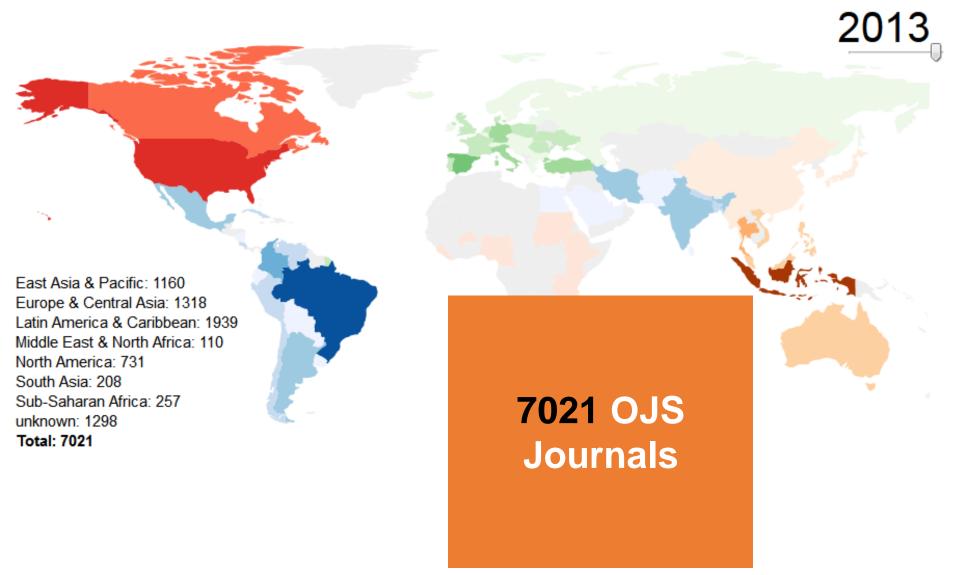
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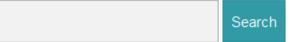
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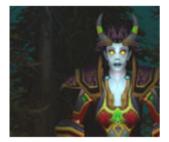
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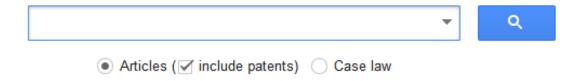Browse
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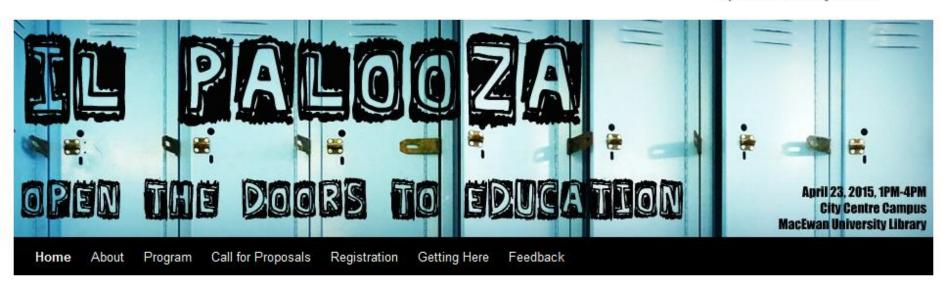- Other Journals

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