

A Knowledge Exchange Model for Scholarly Publishing

The Public Knowledge Project (<http://www.educ.ubc.ca/faculty/ctg/pkp/public>) proposes a more radical revision of scholarly communication, one which shifts the control of research dissemination to the research library, as the basic unit of knowledge management for the university and other research sites, in order to greatly reduce the costs while improving the value and access of research on a global scale. The model is discussed in detail in *Current Issues in Education* (<http://cie.ed.asu.edu/volume3/number6>).

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Fig. 7. Economic Model

The costs of operating this model will be calculated against the current budgets of participating agencies. The research serials acquisitions budget, which for the 121 North American members of the Association of Research Libraries now totals \$480 million US, would provide the bulk of the funding for this model. In addition to reducing costs for research libraries, the system's increase in public access and intelligibility could well encourage greater government and philanthropic support for research libraries.

