Open Access Resources

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Introduction

- Open-access resources are those that can be accessed by anyone at any time without restraint
Open Access Journals & Books (Gold road)

- **BioOne.org**, the Web-based aggregation of research in the biological, ecological and environmental sciences.  

Open Access Journals/Books

- Biomed Central: Open Access Publisher
  http://www.biomedcentral.com/
- http://www.eln.bc.ca/view.php?id=1129
- EconPapers -
  http://econpapers.repec.org/
- Kenya Law Reports -
Open Access Journals/Books

- Elsevier Open Access Journals - [http://www.elsevier.com/about/open-access/open-access-journals](http://www.elsevier.com/about/open-access/open-access-journals)
Open Access Journals/Books

- DOAJ - http://www.doaj.org/ - Over 9,000 Multi-disciplinary journals
- Pubmed Central – Medical Related http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed
Open Access Books

Open Access Books

- OAISTER – digitized books, journals, newspapers, audio files, photographic images, theses and research papers – http://oaister.worldcat.org/

- Free books - http://www.freefullpdf.com/
Repositories (Green road)

- Opendoar – List of world repositories archiving scholarly materials and peer reviewed journal of interdisciplinary nature - http://www.opendoar.org/

Repositories (Green Road)

- University of Stellenbosch, SA - http://scholar.sun.ac.za/
- University of Pretoria - http://repository.up.ac.za/
- Cornell University - http://arxiv.org/
- University of Nairobi - http://erepository.uonbi.ac.ke/
Repositories (Green road)


- ROAR – List of Repositories- http://roar.eprints.org/
Constitution Article 35. (1) Every citizen has the right of access

(a) information held by the State

The African Charter on Human and People’s Rights to which Kenya is a party explicitly recognizes the necessity that;

“Every individual shall have the right to receive information”
Kenyan Repositories
Govt Funded Repositories

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which Kenya has ratified, imposes

“States to ensure access to information.”

Berlin Convention

- having scientific knowledge and cultural heritage accessible worldwide
Kenya Open Data Initiative
Launched in July 2011

- https://opendata.go.ke/
- Role of Kenya Open Data Initiative
  - Provide open access govt datasets
    - National census data
    - Government expenditure
    - Parliamentary proceedings among others
Predatory Open Access Publishers & Resources

- The BEALL List of Predatory Open Access publishers provides a list of such questionable publishers and advice on how to identify them.
- List of questionable scholarly open access publishers and journals at http://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/
- For more information please also visit http://scholarlyoa.com
Relevant links

- http://righttoresearch.org/
- http://www.infodocket.com/2015/03/16/teaching-open-access-unescos-open-access-curriculum-for-library-schools-and-researchers-now-available-online/