RUcore User Services and Applications Working Group (USAWG)
Meeting, August 7, 2014

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1. Making collection objects (records) publicly viewable. The Software Architecture Working Group has asked us to consider whether it would be beneficial or desirable for users to view collection records in RUcore. There are some scenarios in which this could be useful. For example, some thematic collections could have descriptive information about the collection. For example, some of the New Jersey Digital Highway collection records have rich descriptive content. The research data collection records serve as the "Project" records and are critical to data collections. However, we would not want the collections for "faculty collections" to be publicly available. These are merely aids to organizing faculty scholarship and do not link to scholarly content. Making them visible would be confusing to the user/searcher.

   A corollary question was whether it was necessary for all collection records to have a DOI (digital object identifier). USAWG members recommend that because some collection objects need DOIs it is preferable that all of them have DOIs. This will make collection objects easier to manage and available for unanticipated future use.

2. Changes in RUcore search and My Account. We have made changes to the RUcore search and My Account in the new release which will be implemented about August 18. The "My Account" feature is easier to navigate, with the active portion highlighted/bolded (e.g., My Account, My Profile). Users are now able to change their name, email address, and other information in My Profile. They can give their middle name or initial, so that they can use the form of name they prefer to use in their publications. They can also register a preferred email address and supply their ORCID. Elsewhere in RUcore, we added the capability to deposit a version of a previously deposited article, and link the versions. USAWG will send an email to rul_everyone with the "top three" user improvements in this release.

3. Introducing the SOAR web page. We looked at progress made on the SOAR web page <http://soar.libraries.rutgers.edu/>

4. Open Access Week: USAWG role? Open Access Week is October 20-26. Our brainstorming yielded two leading ideas: to create 15 minute presentations on various Open Access or RUcore topics, and to organize an "unconference". We will look for ideas from previous years' Open Access Week activities and continue planning in our next meeting.

5. Agenda for next meeting (September 11, 2:00 p.m.). We will continue to discuss possible activities for Open Access Week.