The Need

A Library Publishing Program Looking for Content

The University Library System at Pitt is an Open Access library-based publisher using the Open Journal Systems (OJS) platform from the Public Knowledge Project (PKP).

A Library Association Looking for an OA Journal Publisher

PaLA
College & Research Division (CRD)

PA Library Association members had a desire to share more knowledge among library professionals.

The Partnership

Pennsylvania Libraries: Research & Practice palrap.org

- Published 2 times per year
- Now finalizing our 3rd issue (Spring 2014)
- Began with a focus on Research & Practice articles
- Now includes Commentaries, Features, & News articles

Publisher Provides:

- OJS Hosting, Support, & Expertise
- Graphic Design (website & article templates)
- DOI registration
- Assistance with Indexing Services (e.g. EBSCO)
- Publishing best practices

PaLA Membership Provides:

- Authors
- Editors
- Peer Reviewers
- Readers
- Financial support

The Future

Making Improvements Together

The publishing team has been responsive to the ideas and interests of the editorial team.

Some of the improvements implemented recently or coming soon include:

- Ability to Accept Donations & Payments
- Rolling Issues Releasing articles as soon as ready
- Usage Statistics
- Training for Copy and Layout Editors

Future interests:

- Print on Demand Producing and selling bound issues for:
  - archival purposes
  - author souvenirs
  - readers who prefer print copies
  - revenue