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Happy International Open Access Week!

By Maureen Schlangen

This week, Oct. 24-30, 2016, all around the world, people are celebrating a monumental human achievement: Anyone with access to the Internet can download breakthrough research, archival documents and images, special collections, data sets and other treasures untold from a veritable cornucopia of reputable open-access journals and institutional repositories including [eCommons](#), all constructed with the noble purposes of advancing knowledge and ensuring that all have access to information in that pursuit—even when they don't have subscriptions to research libraries and expensive scholarly journals.

It's the biggest week of the year for institutional repository managers.

Yet I get to my office this morning and ... NO CARD. Again. I didn't get one for Ohio Institutional Repository Day Oct. 5, either, come to think of it.

But I don't need a greeting card to know that eCommons is right up there with front porches, Rudy on the Run, intramurals and undergraduate research among the many great things going at the University of Dayton.

In the past decade, as open-access archiving and publishing have gained wider acceptance across the United States and around the world, institutional repositories have become a reliable and stable medium for sharing scholarly work and advancing research. Since eCommons launched three years ago this week, our research, documents, archival items and special collections have been downloaded almost 300,000 times from more than 10,000 institutions, corporations, organizations and government offices in more than 200 countries.

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the Quad!

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graciously
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[The University of Dayton Magazine](#) - 9,370

[Marian Library Studies](#) - 8,051

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[Guides to Archival and Special Collections](#) - 5,144

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[Religious Studies Faculty Publications](#) - 4,208

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[Line by Line: A Journal of Beginning Student Writing](#) - 4,123

[Counselor Education and Human Services Faculty Publications](#) - 4,084

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[Roesch Library Faculty Publications](#) - 3,177

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span the scholarly spectrum, from honors theses and Stander Symposium posters to bibliographies, book chapters and journal articles.

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Next, we'll look at some of the most popular items in the repository.

—*Maureen Schlangen, e-scholarship and communications manager*



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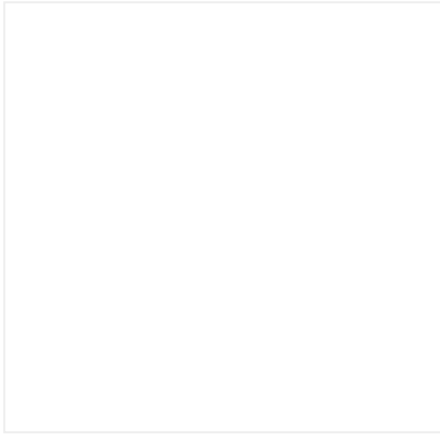
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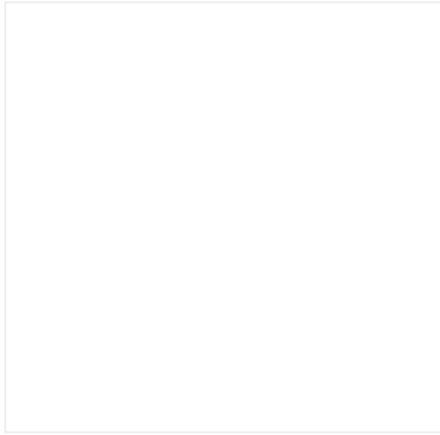
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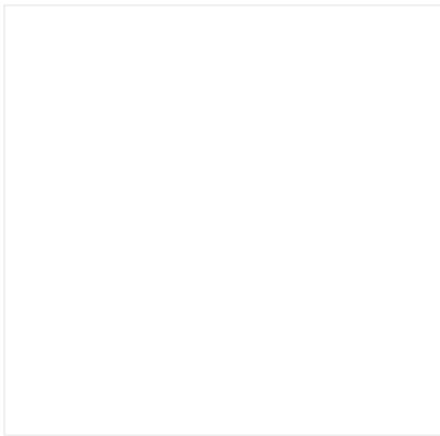
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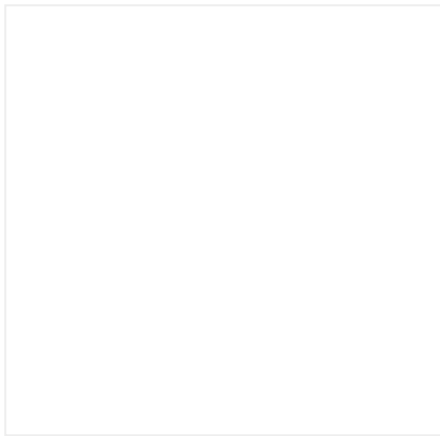
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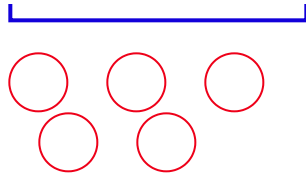
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