

Subject: Open Access of Federally-funded Digital projects

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I think open access is a terrific idea—in theory. Where it runs aground is where digital projects/publications have a mandate both to be open access AND self-sustaining (I.e. Have a business model that can support daily and expanded operating costs). I don't know what the answer is but perhaps forcing all digital programs into granting open access to their final product has unfortunate consequences as far as making sure that the content produced today will still be available tomorrow.

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