

# Advocates, Activists & @-holes

Advance “open” by defining your default mode

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# Advocate

- Focus energy on information sharing with student groups about OER to inspire action.
- Develop really comprehensive Research Guides on open data policies.
- Develop and build relationships with a faculty governance body to serve as a resource for questions about “topics in academic publishing.”
- Mode of work = hustle
- Goal = steadfast, solid work toward openness

# Activist

- Seed and feed student groups resources and info to stage a sit-in at the campus bookstore for textbook affordability.
- Offer a mini-grant to the researcher that negotiates the most publication contracts toward openness in a single semester.
- Assist graduate students on going full “no-quest” with their ETD in spite of grad school policies.
- Mode of work = bustle
- Goal = induce change through action

# @-hole

- post to popular scholcomm listservs annually calling for a strike of librarians against any/all LIS journals that are not open access.
- be dogmatic about a publication agreement, and blog the entire process
- take a national platform like a webinar to poke fun at another school in their state that seems to be working at cross purposes to openness by making deals with a certain publisher to prepopulate an institutional repository with records that lead to not fully open versions of research.
- Mode of work = rustle
- Goal = elicit passionate “exchanges”

“Is it too early for me to issue my annual call for a Great Librarian Walk-Out on Academic Publishing?”

What would happen if this October [for Open Access Week] we encouraged our colleagues to no longer submit our work to a system that continues to undermine our core principle of access for all?”

# Proof

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**UPDATE (3/25):** The Editorial Board of the Journal of Library Administration has resigned, citing the reason that “...the licensing terms in the Taylor & Francis author agreement are too restrictive and out-of-step with the expectations of authors in the LIS community.”

Read more about it on **The Chronicle of Higher Ed**, on **Chronicle Blogs here**, from **one of the Editors**, and from a **fellow librarian who also stood his ground** on licensing his work.

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*Brief: I published an article. But before all that, I negotiated my publication contract and had a really great experience doing so. This is the story.*

# Don't be an @-hole

Advocate with clarity.

Activate with passion.

Rouse rabble with caution and  
care.

Openness will  
increase through  
measured,  
consistent,  
focused, strategic  
work.