Libraries sign pilot ‘Read and Publish’ agreement with Taylor and Francis

by Madison Meeks

3rd year, Communications major, mvm7037@psu.edu

Madison Meeks is the current Editor-in-Chief of the Behrend Beacon and on the Research and News Committee for the Penn State Libraries’ Magazine. She has written many articles in her time, and is looking to go into the journalism field after graduation.

A two-year pilot “Read and Publish” agreement with a publishing group called Taylor & Francis Group has been signed by Penn State University Libraries. Taylor & Francis Group is a publisher of peer-reviewed academic journals and books.

This agreement will allow for Penn State authors’ accepted articles to be open access. According to Penn State News, “Penn State corresponding authors’ accepted articles will be open access if they choose the “open publishing” option, including the retroactive conversion terms for articles accepted on or after Jan. 1, 2024.” When submitting articles, authors should list if they are affiliated with Penn State along with their PSU email address. No code is needed to be entered when submitting articles.

The associate dean for collections, research, and scholarly communications at the University Libraries, Mihoko Hosoi, made a statement to the PSU News stating, “We are piloting this so that we can access interest levels while giving careful consideration to our budget. We’ve received inquiries from several colleges and departments within Penn State, some of whom expressed a desire for more immediate open publishing opportunities. We hope this contract will make Penn State research more open, visible, and impactful.”

This agreement will continue through 2025. According to PSU News, it has a limit of 210 articles per year that have been accepted by the Taylor & Francis publishing company. The agreement includes fully and hybrid open access journals. Articles that are retroactive open access and were accepted on or after January 1, 2024, can be requested at oalibrarianenquiries@tandf.co.uk.

Interested Penn State corresponding authors are encouraged to visit the University Libraries’ guide to article processing charges for open access articles on the University Libraries website for publishing agreements and discounts.