

Digital Scholarly Communication

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The British Columbia Research Libraries Group (BCRLG) recently sponsored [Karla Hahn](#), the Director of the Office of Scholarly Communication at the [Association of Research Libraries](#) (ARL) to speak at Simon Fraser University Library, the University of British Columbia Library and the University of Victoria Libraries on March 4-6, 2009.

Karla spoke to the librarians and faculty about the recent investigation into [Digital Scholarly Communications](#). Volunteer librarians at ARL institutions in the United States and Canada interviewed faculty members about the digital scholarly resources they used in their work.

The resulting list of resources from many disciplines was analyzed and the resources made available in a publicly accessible [database](#). Eight principal types of digital scholarly resources were identified:

- Electronic-only journals
- Reviews
- Preprints & working papers
- Encyclopedias, dictionaries and annotated content
- Data
- Blogs
- Discussion forums
- Professional and scholarly hubs.

Karla presented definitions and examples of the various types. More detail can be found in the [complete report](#).

The volunteer librarians performing the interviews also felt they benefited from participation in the study, as it strengthened or initiated working relationships with faculty on their campuses. Karla's talk was engaging, stimulating and well attended at both venues.

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