

Open access, copyright, and PubMed

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Moving at the Speed of Light in the Open Universe: 12 Lightning Talks on Open Access, Open Data, and Open Source (F8)

This session involved 12 speakers who enlightened the audience with timely five minute talks on open access, open data and open source at their libraries.

These speakers included: Shane Plante, Baharak Yousefi, Joy Kirchner, Kevin Stranack, Todd Mundle, Bonnie Wen, Heather Morrison, Hilde Colenbrander, Don Taylor, Maryann Kempthorne, Bronwen Sprout and Tara Robertson. Filled with great humor and practicality, the lightning talks generated a lot of discussion and exchange of valuable information.

Hot Topics: Canadian Copyright in 2012 (F14)

With the Canadian Copyright landscape undergoing changes that will affect access to information and our license to read, the session focused on Access Copyright Tariff, Bill C-11: The Copyright

Modernization Act, and eBook licensing issues and initiatives in both academic and public libraries. The speakers were: Lynn Copeland, Meera Nair and Paul Whitney, with the roundtable discussion facilitated by Carolyn Saltau. Many questions were brought up, including a detailed discussion of the consequences of defying copyright laws.

PubMed Made Simple: Knowing How to Search for Health Information for Your Patrons (F23)

Discussing the fundamentals, perks, and uses of PubMed, Medline and MedlinePlus, Dean Giustini provided a detailed, yet easy-to-understand session on how to navigate one of the world's largest medical databases in order to find health information for patrons. The session involved participation from attendees, who had the opportunity to ask questions and pose possible health queries that patrons may ask at the reference desk.

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