Overview of JULAC Activities

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2024 JULAC Libraries Forum

- Friday, 6 December 2024

- Host: The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

- Theme: Innovating in the Digital Era

Shared Staff Development

- January 2025: User Experience (UX) training by Andy Priestner

- April 2025: Visit of IFLA Library Buildings & Equipment Section

  - The group toured 6 JULAC libraries:

    HKBU, CityUHK, PolyU, HKU, CUHK

    and HKUST

  - Half-day seminar titled "Optimizing

    Limited Space to Provide Excellent

    Library Services" (11 April 2025)

Support Open Access Publishing

Achievements: As of January 2026, there are 18 JULAC Transformative Agreements / OA consortia, with one of them for OA books

- New in 2025

  - Elsevier (2025-27)

  - Oxford University Press (2025-27)

  - American Chemical Society (2025-28)

  - De Gruyter Brill (2025, 2026-28)

  - The Royal Society (2025-27)

- New in 2026

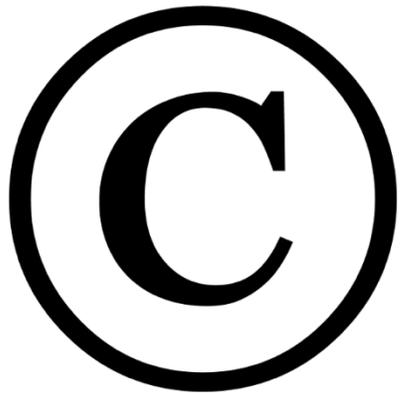 - Taylor & Francis (2026-2028)

  - Sage (2026-28)

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- Consortial negotiations for Text and Data Mining API licensing with publishers

- AI-Powered Research Tools Unconference organized by LSC (1 August 2025)

Copyright

- Subsidiary Legislation for Specification of Libraries, Museums and Archives and Prescribed Conditions for Certain Permitted Acts

  - **April 2024**: Response submitted to public consultation
  - **May 2025**: Addressed Legislative Council enquiry via IPD on the making and supply of copies of copyright works by JULAC libraries to their users
  - **January 2026**: Subsidiary legislation commenced

Preparation for RAE 2026

- Coordinating copyright clearance efforts
- JULAC libraries provided support to researchers and departments

New ideas / Initiative

- New Assessment,
  Analytics and Advocacy
  Committee (AAAC)

Moving Forward

- 2026 Joint E-Resources Discovery Week (9-13 March)

- JULAC 60th Anniversary

- SILS contract renewal and tender exercise