National Information Standards Organization
Open Discovery Initiative Update
Summer 2021

Dear Colleagues,

It's been a busy first half of the year. Most of our energies have been focused around promoting our revised recommended practice, which was released just over a year ago. We've been taking advantage of the many online conferences to speak in a variety of forums and have even created a workshop of our own to help libraries, our newest stakeholder group, understand the recommendations.

We hope that as you return to your offices and have more opportunities to chat with your colleagues at the water cooler, that you will consider the Open Discovery Initiative and how you can help make discovery services more transparent by filling out a checklist.

- **Content Provider Conformance Checklist**
- **Discovery Service Provider Conformance Checklist**
- **Library Conformance Checklist**

As always, if you have any questions about the checklists or if you have any ideas you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at **odi@niso.org.**

ODI in Action

NISOPlus 2021. On February 24, 2021, Geoff Morse and Ken Varnum presented on "What You Can Do to Help Promote Transparency in Discovery -- and Why". This talk introduced the Open Discovery Initiative, outlined changes included in the 2020 revision of the ODI Recommended Practice, and delved more deeply into several areas: free-to-read content, fair linking, and the key elements included in the newly added library conformance statements. Slides are available via **Google Drive** and a **recording of the presentation** is also available.

Council on East Asian Libraries (CEAL) 2021 Conference. Julie Zhu presented at the CEAL 2021 annual meetings on March 16th, 2021. The presentation, "Open Discovery Initiative Recommended Practice (2020): Roles for Publishers, Discovery Service Providers and Libraries" provided an overview of the history of ODI and what each stakeholder can do to help improve content discovery and access in various library discovery service tools. The PDF of the presentation is **linked** here.

NASIG 36th Annual Conference. On May 21, 2021, Julie Zhu and Teresa Hazen presented at the annual NASIG conference. The presentation, "What You Can Do to Help Promote Transparency and Why," discussed the work of ODI, the revised RP, and introduced the audience to conformance statements from both a library and a publisher perspective. You can find a PDF of the presentation **here**.

Current Initiatives

Content Provider Conformance Statement Workshop. Building off of the success of the Library Conformance Statement Workshop (see below), we thought we would create a similar session for

content providers to discuss their struggles with filling out and submitting conformance statements and to brainstorm how to overcome challenges. Stay tuned for dates and more details…

Letter from Content Providers to Libraries. Did you think that because libraries are customers that content providers can't make demands? Guess again! Participating in ODI helps content providers help you. We've drafted a **document** content providers can send to libraries explaining the merits of working with ODI and submitting a conformance statement.

Learn more about ODI

ODI Conformance Statement Workshop for Libraries. Struggling to fill out the ODI Conformance Statement for Libraries? Need some help in determining how to approach this work for your institution? The **NISO Open Discovery Initiative Steering Committee** Library Representatives held a one hour workshop to learn more about ODI (Open Discovery Initiative) and library conformance. **Watch the recording** now to get tips on how to approach each area of conformance, and use a provided worksheet to create an action plan for next steps in preparing and publishing your institution's conformance statement.

Speakers: Teresa Hazen, University of Arizona; Laura Morse, Harvard University; Geoff Morse, Northwestern University; and Ken Varnum, University of Michigan Library.

Please follow ODI on **Twitter** and keep an eye on the ODI **Website**!

Thank you - The Open Discovery Initiative Standing Committee