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Announcement: Open Access Week 2016 Events: Join Us!

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This October, for the sixth year running, BU is pleased to participate in the international Open Access Week. We have organized several events leading up to, and during, the week of October 24th. We’d love for you to join us; please register for as many as you like. All events are open to the public (registration helps us plan refreshments), and will take place in the Mugar Library Estin Room, 771 Commonwealth Avenue, Rm 302, Boston MA 02215.

State of Open Access webcast (Tuesday 10/18, 1-2pm)

In the run-up to Open Access Week, we'll be tuning in to a live webcast with Peter Suber, Director of the Harvard Office for Scholarly Communication and author of the seminal book, Open Access, to discuss the state of the Open Access movement. Submit your questions in advance, or during the webcast using #opencon on Twitter.

The Internet's Own Boy screening and Q&A with director (Monday 10/24, 4-6pm)

We will screen a one-hour cut of The Internet's Own Boy: The Story of Aaron Swartz, a 2014 documentary depicting Aaron’s life, work on internet standards still in wide use today, political activism, and eventual death at age 26. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the documentary’s director Brian Knappenberger. We’ll provide pizza, you provide the questions.

Open Access Meetup #1 (Tuesday 10/25, 12-1pm)

Join us for the first in a series of open meetups, monthly gatherings that will bring together members of the BU community to engage in issues of open access, open data, and open education. In our first meetup, we’ll discuss our interests in open in all its forms—open access, open data, open education, open source software, and open digital projects—as well as recent news about open access. We’ll also make time to hear your ideas for future meetups. Snacks will be provided.

Let's Make a Zine Workshop (Wednesday 10/26, 12-2pm)

Ever wanted to make your own zine but didn’t know where to start? This brown bag lunch workshop will begin with an exploration of zines and how author’s rights, fair use, and copyright come into play with self-publishing. The rest of the workshop will be a hands-on session where everyone attending will contribute a page to a compilation zine about what open access means to them, which will be made openly available in OpenBU.

Open Data Training (Wednesday 10/26, 6-7:30pm w/BU Study Group; webinar Thursday 10/27, 12:00pm)

Making data open is a critical part to creating open and reproducible research. Join us as we go through the Mozilla Science Lab’s Open Data Training. Our first session will be an in-person session with the BU Study Group, and our second session will be a webinar at noon on Thursday. Both sessions will cover why you should open your data, what a data reuse plan is, and how you can open your data. Please register for whichever session works best with your schedule.