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Open Access Principles

The six principles for licence agreements with Open Access publishing represent the framework conditions that publishers must be able to meet, as far as possible, in order to enter into a licence agreement with the Royal Danish Library that includes publishing elements.

Increased accessibility/visibility: The Royal Danish Library enters into publishing agreements to maximise the accessibility and visibility of Danish research. The Royal Danish Library therefore expects that an agreement covers all content published by researchers affiliated with Danish research institutions, and that persistent identifiers are used to ensure discoverability.

Quality: The Royal Danish Library enters into agreements with publishers that adhere to the industry's best practices, and whose publications meet common academic standards regarding peer review, editorial practices, and content quality.

Transparency: The Royal Danish Library enters into publishing agreements based on transparent prices and business models, with the possibility of publicising the entire agreement.

Affordability: The Royal Danish Library enters into publishing agreements on behalf of institutions with stagnant or declining budgets. Therefore, the agreements must not result in an increase in total expenses.

Rights retention: The Royal Danish Library enters into publishing agreements that ensure all authors under the agreement retain all copyright to their own publications and only grant the publisher a non-exclusive publishing right.

Efficiency: The Royal Danish Library enters into publishing agreements that significantly improve and facilitate the publishing flow for authors, as well as the administrative flow for administrators.

