Starting a digital journal

Open Journal Systems
The Library has acquired the Open Journal Systems (OJS) publishing software for the management of academic journals. OJS enables the swift technical realization of a new e-journal and offers support for all the associated editorial activities. The software has a plug-in architecture that is comparable with other community-based projects. These plug-ins also facilitate the indexation in Google Scholar and PubMed Central. There are two ways to use OJS:

- for starting a new digital journal
- for digitizing an existing journal

Digital journal
What to think about when starting a digital journal:

- storing, adding metadata to, and creating the layout of the journal and the articles
- teaching the editors to use Open Journals System
- writing substantive web copy
- setting a journal policy
  - defining focus and mission
  - drawing up peer-review policy
  - forming a core editorial board
- setting guidelines for contributing authors
- describing the editorial process
- creating the layout of the journal's website
- engaging in web marketing: how to make publications easily findable on the internet
- providing additional services, such as Printing on Demand

Library support
We can offer the following types of support in starting a digital journal:

- Support in designing the management structure
- Technical management of the system and technical support
- Helpdesk functionality
- Hosting
- Copyright consultancy
- OJS Tutorial

For more information about the Open Journal System, its possibilities and for tutorials, please visit:

- Public Knowledge Project: Open Journal Systems
- PKP Online Tutorials