GOAL: To describe and share scholarly works by Vanderbilt faculty, staff, and students

This project team worked to enhance the discoverability and accessibility of scholarly works produced by Vanderbilt faculty and students, specifically electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs) of Vanderbilt graduate students and open access journals edited by Vanderbilt faculty and students and hosted by the library.

We focused on documenting and improving the workflow for adding ETDs to the Vanderbilt University Institutional Repository and to the library catalog with minimal staff intervention, as well as maximizing discovery by Google Scholar and other aggregators.

We also improved the documentation and workflow for adding open access journals to the library catalog and discovery by Google Scholar other aggregators.

DID YOU KNOW? VANDERBILT LIBRARIES HOST 8 OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS THAT HAVE PUBLISHED OVER 1,300 ARTICLES IN 77 ISSUES.
OUTCOMES

- Created three metadata crosswalks to import data from the old ETD database to the Vanderbilt University Institutional Repository (VUIR), from the ETD submission deposit system (Vireo) to VUIR, and from the VUIR ETD collection to the library catalog (Primo).

- Migrated over 4,900 ETDs from the old database to the institutional repository.

- Researched and documented how to enhance access to our open access journal titles and articles in the library catalog (Primo).

- Researched and documented best practices to enhance the web crawlers' harvesting of open access journal articles from the journal platform (OJS).

NEXT STEPS

- Monitor ingest of ETDs into the Vanderbilt University Institution Repository and automated harvest into the library catalog for continuous improvements.

- Modify configurations as needed to ensure that all open access articles are harvested by Google Scholar and other platforms to maximize discoverability and access.