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NTNM library launches project for better visibility of open access publications

The open access model, which allows free access to scientific publications, is well received by scientists. Still, open access has not been established on all levels of the scientific community. One reason for this is the current lack of visibility of open access publications. The NTNM library seeks to improve visibility with the project *visOA*. The Federal Ministry of Education and Research will fund *visOA* for the next two years with around 180,000 euros.

The NTNM library plans to index open access publications in its range of online services: In its Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) and an online knowledge portal, the library will provide additional references that flag open access articles and e-books. The result list of a search will display which of the publications are available in open access. There will also be a virtual display rack for open access journals. Those involved in the project will develop the necessary software, which will then be made available to other libraries.

“It does not suffice to mention the topic every now and then to make scientists more aware of open access”, explains Uwe Geith, responsible for open access at the INM. “To make open access more visible, we want to integrate it into the occupational routine of scientists. Like all libraries, the NTNM library connects producers and readers of scientific publications through its range of research databases, licensing of electronic media and document delivery service.”

About one year ago, the former INM library and the former library for science and technology of Saarland University were merged into a joint library for science, technology and new materials, the NTNM library. The library staff from both the INM and Saarland University works under the same roof and operates as one team headed by Elke Bubel, INM. The staff at the NTNM library helps scientists with their studies and research, be it print or electronic media.

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