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Digital Commons Brings New Life to Scholarship

A recent article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*1 features the University of Nebraska's Digital Commons, and demonstrates how well this service-oriented repository model can work for scholars.

Digital Repositories Foment a Quiet Revolution in Scholarship

While predictions of an open-access revolution have fallen short, the article rightly notes that a well-managed repository can bring contributors other benefits. These include:

- A publishing venue for unique materials
- An opportunity for scholars to expand their audience
- A place for scholars to resurrect their early work
- A place to showcase work that is unique to the university (e.g., student scholarship, legacy collections, administrative documents, etc.)

Butler Libraries has observed an additional benefit through feedback from up-and-coming faculty. When combined with SelectedWorks, our repository provides contributors with a means to share their scholarship with prospective employers.

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