

# *Open for Whom?*

## Equity in Open Knowledge

**UMBC is supporting open access (*free access*) by participating in Open Access Week 2019. Facts about open access:**

-Open access is a social good, enabling innovation via the open flow of information, and providing equitable access to knowledge regardless of income level.

-Open access is fair to taxpayers. They support research with their tax dollars and shouldn't have to pay again to access it.

-Open access can save UMBC journal subscription dollars, making those funds available for other uses.

-Many high-quality peer-reviewed journals are open access and many UMBC faculty publish in them.

-The UMBC Faculty Senate has passed an [Open Access Resolution](#) recommending that UMBC faculty seek venues for making their works open access.

-[Open Access Textbooks, or Open Educational Resources](#), level the playing field for students who can't afford high-priced textbooks.

-For more information on open access, see the [UMBC Open Access Guide](#).