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# Advantages and Challenges of Open Access Resources During COVID-19 and Beyond



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# **Response to COVID Shutdown**

- **Vendors & Publishers Response**
  - **Offered Deals to Libraries to Flip Collections to Online**
  - **Offered Free, Temporary Access to Some Resources**
- **PSU's Response**
  - **Remote Working**
  - **Switched More Print Journal Subscriptions to Online**
  - **Added More Open Access Journals in ERM**
  - **Added Free, Temporary Access Resources to ERM**
  - **Remote Working LibGuide**
  - **Checking Out Laptop Computers**

# **Open Access Advantages**

- Continual Expansion of Open Access Journals and Ebooks Increases Access by Researchers and Libraries Worldwide at No Cost to the Reader**
- Allows Authors and Researchers for Faster Publications, Increased Readership, & Greater Impact**
- Some Research Funding Agencies Pay for Article Publishing Charges**
- Beginning of My Rightsizing Open Access Journals Project**

# Open Access Challenges

- Collection Development Criteria
- Collection Development Resources
  - Scimagojr <https://www.scimagojr.com/>
  - Directory of Open Access Journals <https://www.doaj.org>
  - Cabell's Predatory Reports <https://www.cabells.com/predatory>
  - Lens Scholarly Works Search & Analysis  
<https://www.lens.org/lens/search/scholar/structured>
- How to Provide Access
- Some Journals Have High Article Publishing Charges

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- Peer-Review
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**Family Rooms in Neonatal Intensive Care Units and Neonatal Outcomes: An International Survey and Linked Cohort Study**  
by [Lehtonen, Liisa](#); [Lee, Shoo K](#); [Kusuda, Satoshi](#); [More...](#)

The Journal of pediatrics, 11/2020, Volume 226

PEER-REVIEW

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To evaluate the proportion of **neonatal intensive care** units with facilities supporting parental presence in their infants...

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1 <a href="#">Ca-A Cancer Journal for Clinicians</a>	journal	62.937 Q1	168	47	119	3452	15499	80	126.34	73.45	
2 <a href="#">MMWR Recommendations and Reports</a>	journal	40.949 Q1	143	10	9	1292	492	9	50.00	129.20	
3 <a href="#">Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology</a>	journal	37.461 Q1	431	115	338	8439	10844	167	32.83	73.38	


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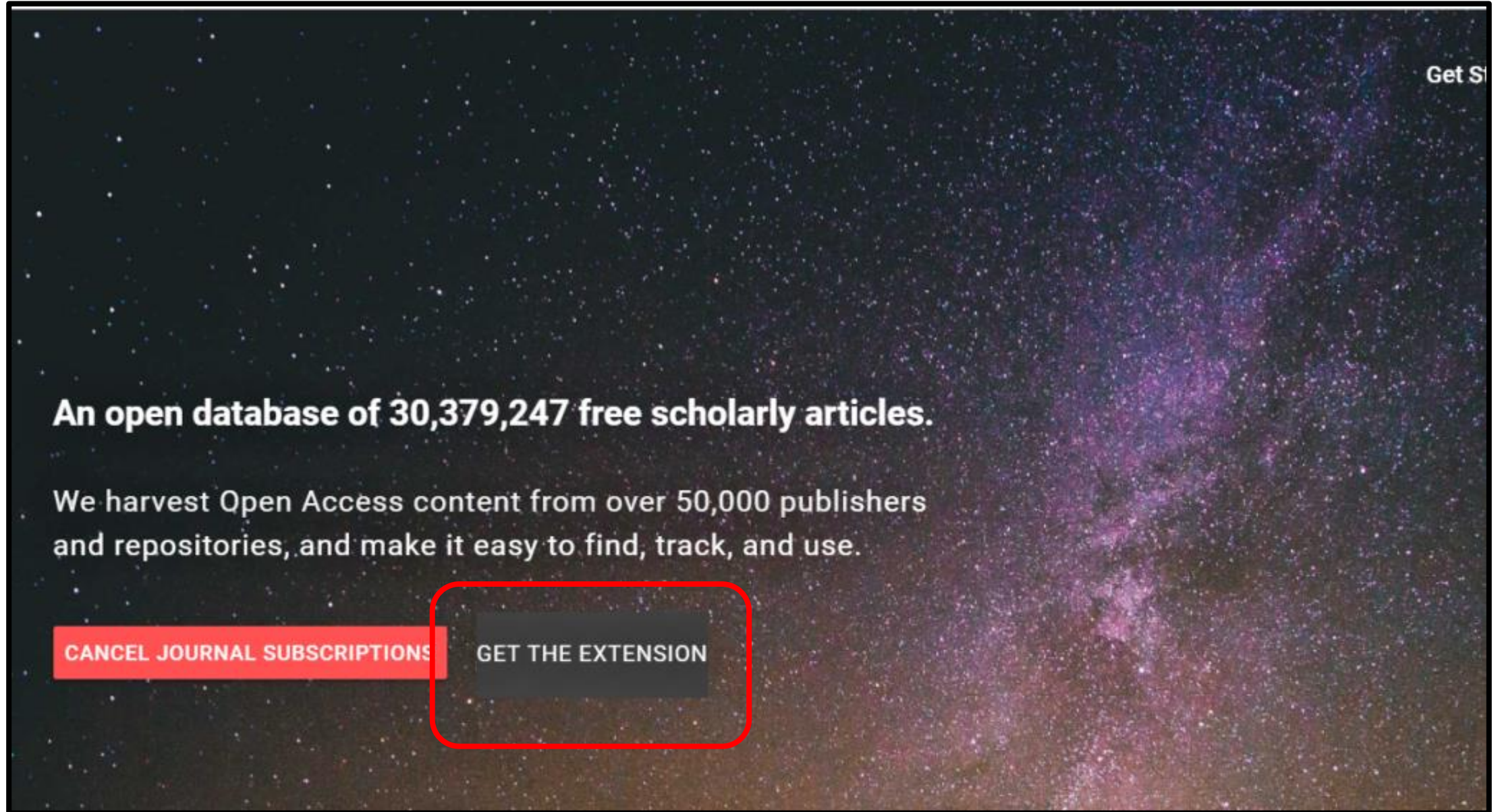
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# Conclusion

- **COVID Taught Us That We Need to Step Up Our Game of Providing Access to Needed Resources During COVID and Beyond**
- **Open Access Offers Both Solutions and Challenges for Access to Scholarship During COVID and After**
- **Many Open Access Journals Are High Quality, Peer Reviewed Publications**
- **Many Freely Available Resources Exist to Help Libraries With Accessing and Evaluating Open Access Journals**
- **Open Access Journals Cannot Replace the Library's Need for Subscriptions**

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