Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication
2023/24 Fiscal Report

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The *Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication* (*JLSC*) is in its third year with Iowa State University Digital Press as its publisher. Beginning in the fall of 2021, *JLSC* partnered with the Lyrasis Open Access Community Investment Program (OACIP). The goal was to get commitments to fund *JLSC* for five years and to create an operating reserve equal to one year of anticipated expenses. Annual expenses were estimated at $13,550 per year (all figures are in U.S. dollars). The total goal was $90,000 with $8,700 going to Lyrasis to cover their costs and $81,300 going to *JLSC*. This funding goal was met with commitments from 20 libraries. This funding was used to support *JLSC* beginning in the 2022/23 fiscal year.

JLSC income in 2023/24 from OACIP was $16,795.

JLSC expenses in 2023/24 were:

Hosting	$500.00	7.2%
Variable Costs		
Copyediting	$3,952.00	57.0%
Production	$2,253.55	32.5%
Production Project Management	$202.00	2.9%
DOI Registration	$24.00	0.3%
CLOCKSS Ingest	$6.0	0.1%
Total Variable Costs	$6,437.55	92.8%
Total Expenses	$6,937.55	100.0%

JLSC expenses in fiscal 2023/24 were $6,937.55. The 2023/24 expenses were $4,695.40 or 42.2% below the 2022/23 expenses. The 2023/24 expenses were also below the expected expense projected in the Lyrasis funding proposal of $13,500. There was a $9,857.45 difference between income and expenses. This was intended and is part of a planned development of an operating reserve. Should this year's expenses and production levels continue, the operating reserve after five years will be larger than anticipated and will mean that the next round of *JLSC* funding will not need to be as large as the 2022 round.

In February 2024, *JLSC* discussed the potential of funding Altmetric.com, as Iowa State University Digital Press decided to drop the subscription and informed *JLSC* that

in order to maintain badges, *JLSC* would need to fund Altmetric.com from journal finances. The editorial board voted to not fund Altmetric.com.

JLSC published 24 articles (nine long and 15 short) consisting of 369 pages in 2023/24. The cost per page was $18.80 and the cost per page was $289.06. This compares with a 2023/24 cost per page of $28.24 and a cost per article of $465.32. The decline in the cost per page resulted from less need for copyediting, proofreading, and other publication costs associated with fewer long articles.