

Purdue e-Pubs Document Withdrawal Policy

Withdrawal

Purdue e-Pubs has been established to create permanently accessible digital versions of the items of scholarship created by members of the Purdue University community, a goal consonant with its responsibilities to preserve the intellectual record established at the university and to provide support for the research and learning missions of the university. The e-Pubs license agreement grants a perpetual license to the university to keep copies of deposited items available for purposes of preservation and access. The Purdue e-Pubs administrators strongly discourage requests for the removal of items from the libraries' digital collections. Under certain circumstances, however, items that have been deposited into the Purdue e-Pubs digital repository may become candidates for withdrawal. The following policy outlines the circumstances under which repository items may become such candidates, and it specifies the steps entailed in removing acceptable withdrawal candidates.

Circumstances Leading to the Possibility of Document Withdrawal

- (1) A copyright holder contacts e-Pubs concerning a copyright interest in one of the items held by e-Pubs
- (2) The author of an unrefereed, or non-peer-reviewed, publication requests the publication to be withdrawn from e-Pubs. This circumstance covers preprints as well as other less formal documents such as posters and slide show presentations.
- (3) Purdue University reserves the right to remove content from the repository at any time and to modify its policy on content withdrawal. Further, Purdue University reserves the right to refuse a document withdrawal request for content to which it has already been granted perpetual preservation and access rights through the e-Pubs licensing agreement

In keeping with the Purdue University Libraries' mission and policy of collecting, preserving, and providing access to the intellectual record established by the Purdue University Community, e-Pubs administrators will not entertain withdrawal requests for published material that meets the e-Pubs collection scope specifications and is not the subject of a copyright concern inquiry. For example, a journal article in Purdue e-Pubs for which consent through the Purdue e-Pubs license agreement was acquired will be considered for removal from the repository only if a copyright claim is raised. A preprint of that same article, however, would be eligible for consideration of removal by reason of author request.

Copyright Concerns

Access to the full text of the documents will be disabled for items against which a copyright concern is brought. Copyright challenges to e-Pubs content should be brought to the attention of the Digital Collections Librarian (epubs@purdue.edu).

- (1) Purdue University Libraries will disable access and may remove works from e-Pubs when there

is an issue of copyright infringement. If a copyright-compliant version of the offending item is made available, it may replace the item in question. If the item cannot be replaced with a compliant version, the record of the item will remain at the permanent URL with a note that explains the full-text has been withdrawn from e-Pubs.

- (2) If the item's presence on e-Pubs is found to be copyright compliant, access to the full text will be restored.

Author Withdrawal Requests

Requests for the withdrawal of informally published, non-peer-reviewed, or unrefereed scholarly documents should be issued to the Digital Collections Librarian (epubs@purdue.edu). In the cases where document withdrawal is granted, access to the full text of the item will be discontinued immediately. The record for the item will remain on e-Pubs, indicating that the document was removed at the author's request.