



# SHOULD LIBRARIES SUPPORT OPEN ACCESS FUNDS?

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While library supported open access funds have helped the institution's faculty **raise visibility** of their articles by making them openly available, the authors of this poster urge libraries to critically examine their participation in OA fund programs. In our experience as OA fund coordinators at the Health Sciences Library of the University of Colorado (CU-HSL), we faced many **practical challenges** but additionally, as a number of scholars point out, it can lead to **changes in the core mission** of academic libraries.

## Arguments For

- Institution authors are supported
- Advocacy for OA publishing model

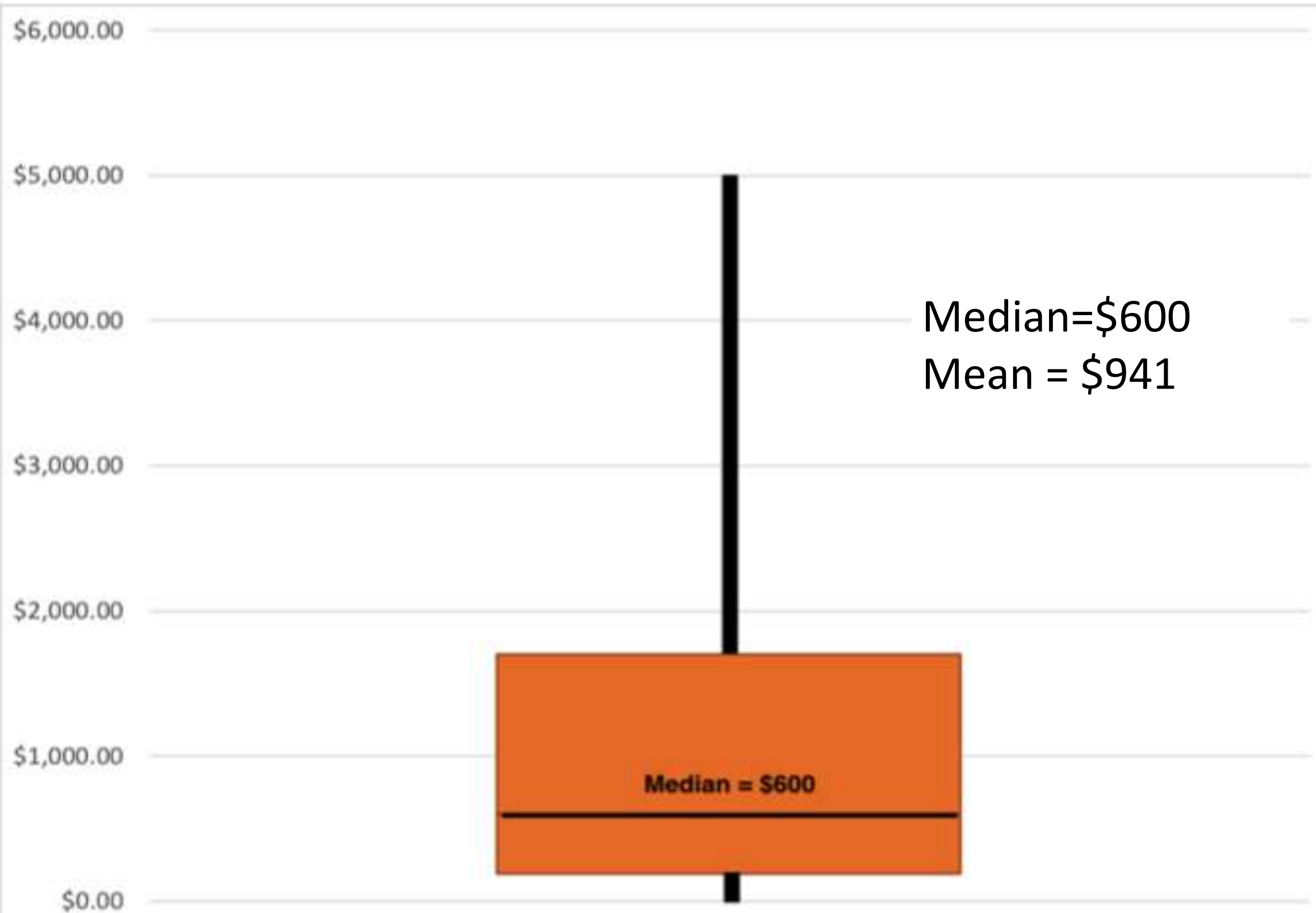
## Arguments Against

- Funding supports producers of knowledge
- Challenges library’s alignment with core mission
- Unsustainable financial burden
  - Subscriptions + OA fees
  - High APCs for major journals (up to \$5000)
  - Cost-benefit for CU-HSL: \$37k paid 39 articles published
- Significant staff time and effort
  - Coordinators of the OAF
  - Library accountant
  - Repository staff

## Arguments Against

- Many technical and practical problems
  - Reimbursing the author vs paying the publisher
  - Verifying qualification of applicant
    - Is there no grant funding?
    - Is there no department/school support?
    - Are all co-authors affiliated?
- Verifying legitimacy of journal

## Skewed Range of APCs



## APC Amounts

	Median	Mean	Lowest Amount	Highest Amount
All journals with an APC	\$600	\$936	\$0.014 <i>Jurnal Idea Hukum</i>	\$5000 <i>Cell Reports; Lancet Public Health</i>
Society journals	\$300	\$763	\$0.014 <i>Jurnal Idea Hukum</i> (Universitas Jenderal Soedirman, Program Pascasarjana, Indonesia)	\$4250 JACC: Basic to Translational Science (American College of Cardiology, U.S.)
Non-society journals	\$780	\$1036	\$0.07 <i>Indian Journal of Advances in Chemical Sciences</i>	\$5000 <i>Cell Reports; Lancet Public Health</i>