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Advancing OA Initiatives: A Case Study from the American University of Central Asia

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History

2001 – Partnership with the international consortium EIFL

2002 - "The Library Information Consortium" Association

2002 - Country-wide subscription to EBSCO

2008 - 2010 - Open access initiatives

2014 - Open Educational Resources. National initiatives to create digital libraries

2018 - Country-wide subscription to the Web of Science

2023 - Country-wide subscription to the Scopus

2022 - 2024 - Collaboration among university libraries

Current Activities and Strategies

- Raising Open Access (OA) awareness through the efforts of the Library Consortium and EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries)
- Developing institutional OA policies
- Establishing repositories within academic institutions
- Promoting OA at the national level, involving the Ministry of Education, the Library Consortium, and academic institutions.



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Open Access Week celebrations in Kyrgyzstan 2022

Universities in Kyrgyzstan have established an Open Access Working Group to promote open access and advance scholarly communication in universities across the country.

Representatives of major public universities from across Kyrgyzstan participated in the open access training at AUCA in June 2022

Supported by the International Consortium EIFL (https://auca.kg/en/communications_office/)



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“Digital Technologies for Libraries” Training for Partner Universities

On October 2023, AUCA Library hosted a two-day trainings on “Managing Electronic Resources” for 30 representatives of universities and public libraries from all over Kyrgyzstan. The training program aimed to equip library professionals with skills to effectively manage electronic resources.

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AUCA Library and regional universities: Collaboration for development

In 2024, AUCA librarians visited regional universities with an outreach program. Educational training sessions conducted in 7 regions, reaching 120 institutions and over 600 participants. AUCA team delivered sessions on electronic resources and open access for teachers, librarians, and researchers and discussed with library colleagues challenges and solutions to providing library services and resources, and plans for further collaboration.



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Artificial Intelligence Workshop for Regional Universities

In 2023-2024 AUCA Library organized online workshops on Information Literacy in Artificial Intelligence, attended by over 100 faculty and staff members from major universities nationwide. The sessions focused on the fundamentals of AI, practical applications of ChatGPT.

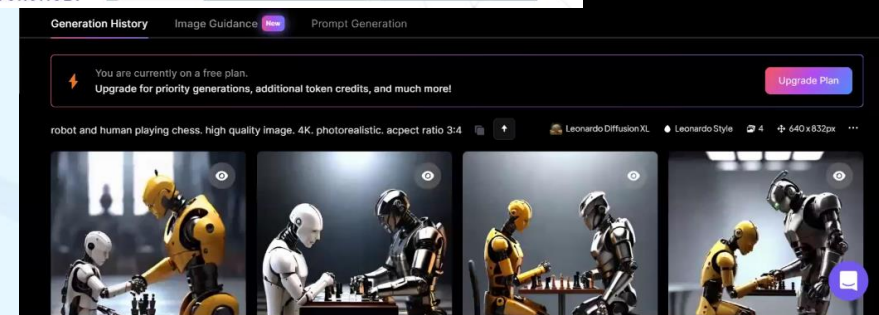
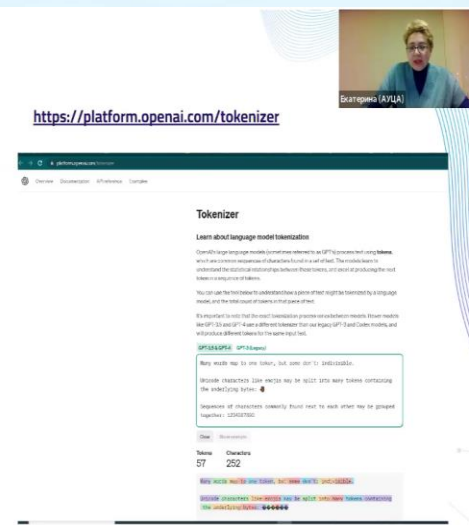
The event was held as part of AUCA Library's ongoing collaboration and partnership with university libraries in Kyrgyzstan.



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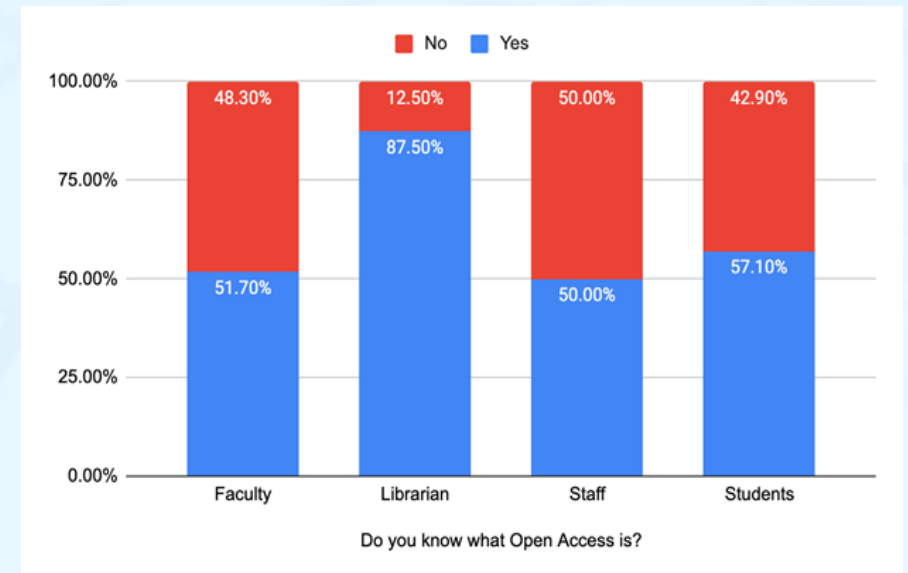
Токены

Большие языковые модели OpenAI обрабатывают текст с помощью токенов, которые представляют собой общие последовательности символов, встречающиеся в тексте. Модели учатся понимать статистические связи между этими токенами и умеют производить следующий токен в последовательности токенов.



OA, OER and CC Awareness at universities in Kyrgyz Republic

- Higher awareness of OER (75.9%) than open licenses (58.4%)
- Higher awareness of open licenses among librarians
- General awareness of Open Access is high (58.9%)
- Knowledge of characteristics of Open Access varies



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Training on Launching an Institutional Repository

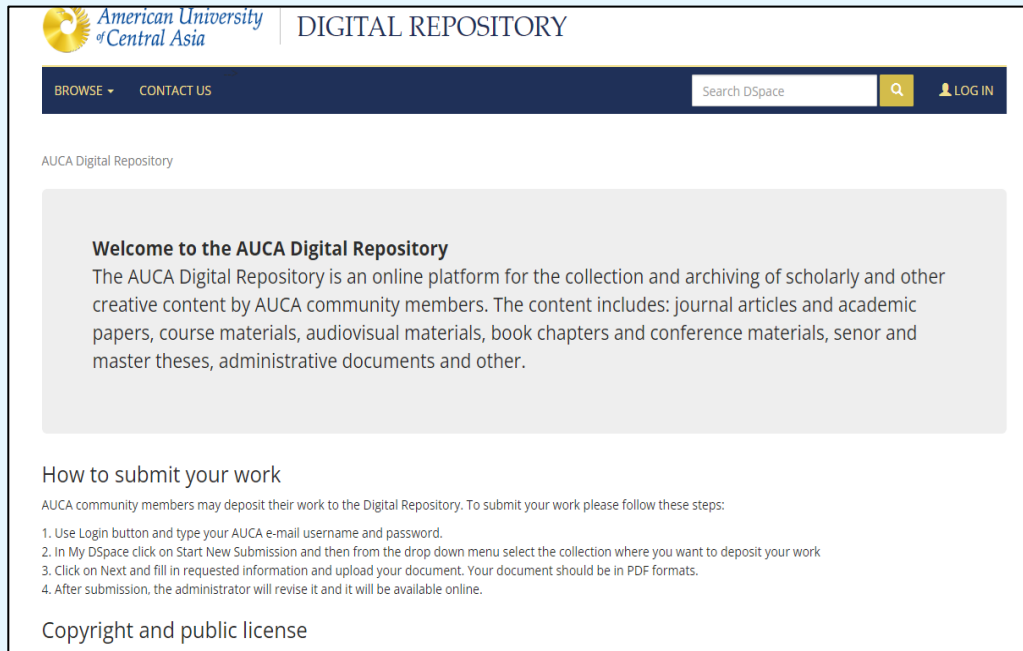
On October 2019, AUCA organized an event led by Ms. Gwen Franck, Open Access Program Coordinator of EIFL. The event gathered teachers, librarians, and researchers from public universities. Participants explored the principles of open access, open licensing, and open data, and discussed the benefits and challenges of implementing these practices.



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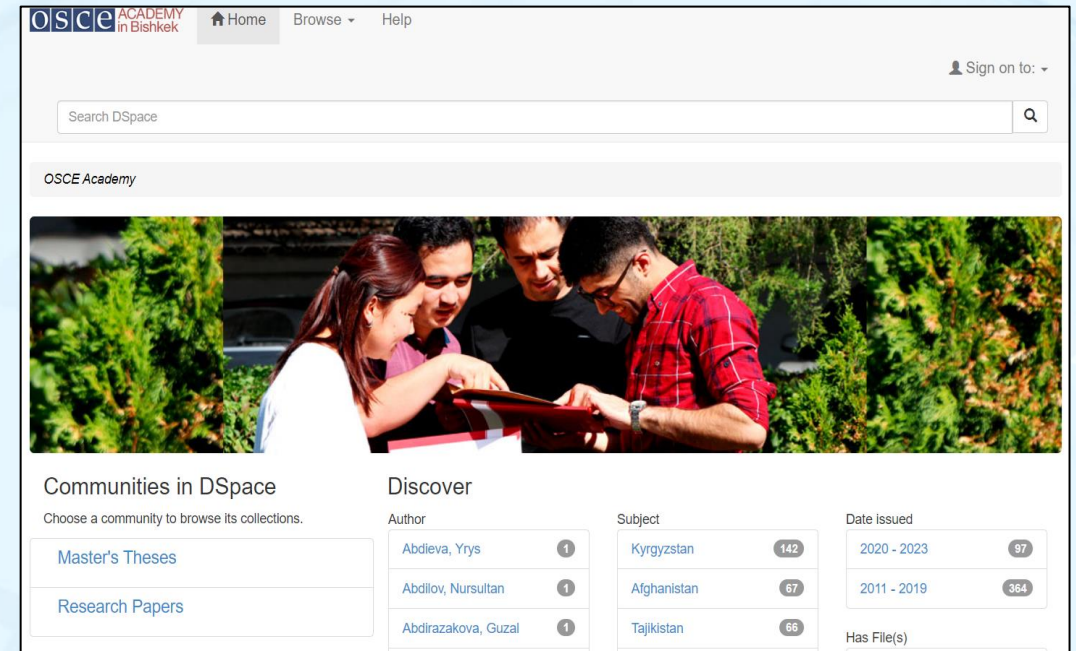
Open Access in Kyrgyzstan



The screenshot shows the homepage of the AUCA Digital Repository. At the top left is the American University of Central Asia logo. The main header includes 'DIGITAL REPOSITORY' and navigation links for 'BROWSE' and 'CONTACT US'. A search bar labeled 'Search DSpace' and a 'LOG IN' button are also present. Below the header, a welcome message states: 'Welcome to the AUCA Digital Repository. The AUCA Digital Repository is an online platform for the collection and archiving of scholarly and other creative content by AUCA community members. The content includes: journal articles and academic papers, course materials, audiovisual materials, book chapters and conference materials, senior and master theses, administrative documents and other.' A section titled 'How to submit your work' provides a four-step process for depositing work. At the bottom, there is a link for 'Copyright and public license'.

AUCA Digital Repository dspace.auca.kg

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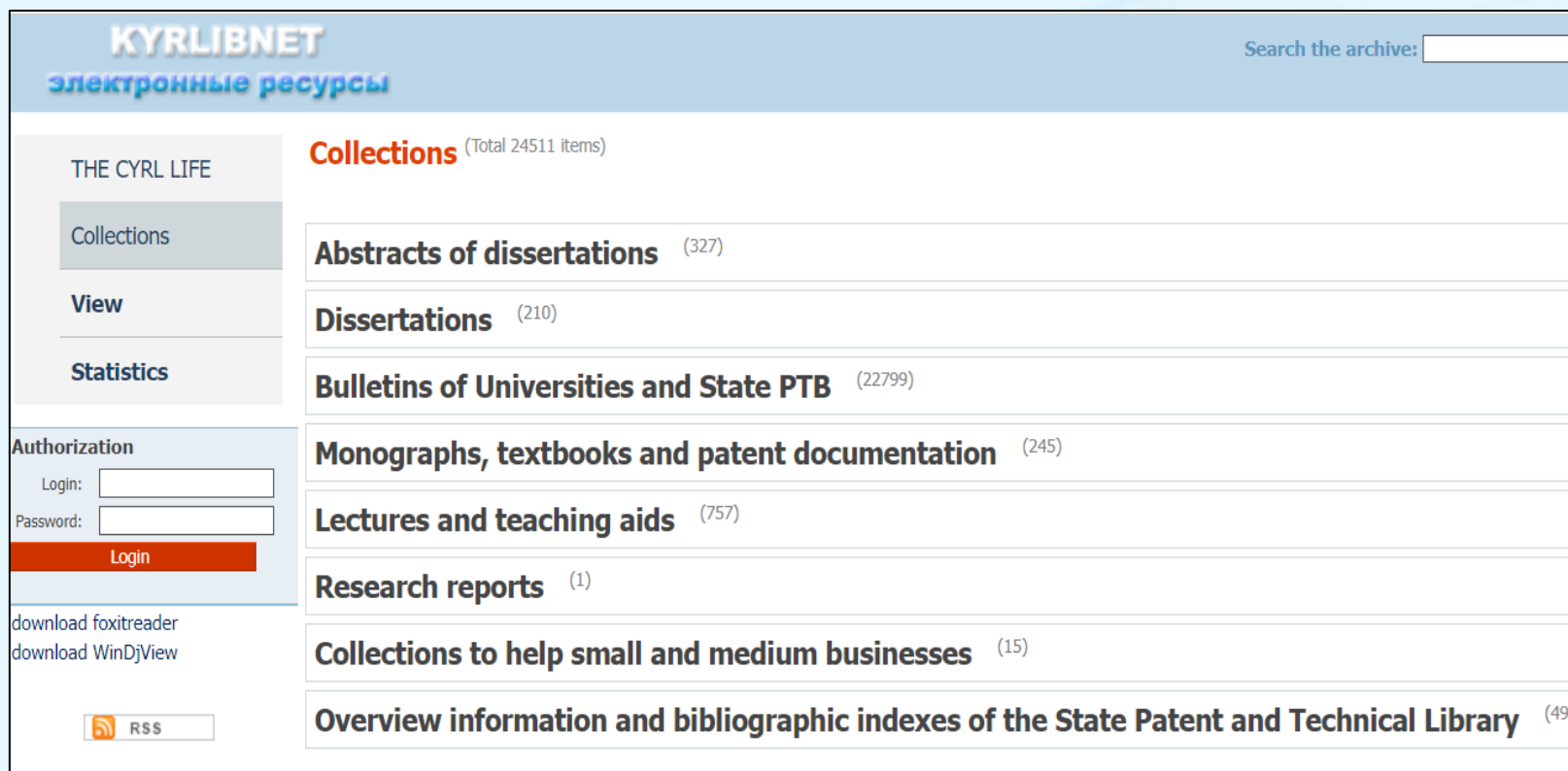


The screenshot shows the homepage of the OSCE Academy Repository. The header includes the OSCE Academy logo and navigation links for 'Home', 'Browse', and 'Help'. A search bar labeled 'Search DSpace' and a 'Sign on to:' dropdown menu are visible. Below the header, a banner image shows a group of people looking at a tablet. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Communities in DSpace' and 'Discover'. The 'Communities in DSpace' section lists 'Master's Theses' and 'Research Papers'. The 'Discover' section features a table with filters for Author, Subject, and Date issued.

Author	Subject	Date issued
Abdieva, Yrys (1)	Kyrgyzstan (142)	2020 - 2023 (97)
Abdillov, Nursultan (1)	Afghanistan (67)	2011 - 2019 (364)
Abdirazakova, Guzal (1)	Tajikistan (66)	Has File(s)

OSCE Academy Repository <https://mt.osce-academy.kg/>

Open Archive



The screenshot displays the KYRLIBNET website interface. At the top, the logo 'KYRLIBNET' and the text 'электронные ресурсы' are visible. A search bar on the right contains the text 'Search the archive:'. The main content area is titled 'Collections (Total 24511 items)' and lists several categories with their respective item counts:

- Abstracts of dissertations (327)
- Dissertations (210)
- Bulletins of Universities and State PTB (22799)
- Monographs, textbooks and patent documentation (245)
- Lectures and teaching aids (757)
- Research reports (1)
- Collections to help small and medium businesses (15)
- Overview information and bibliographic indexes of the State Patent and Technical Library (49)

On the left side, there is a navigation menu with 'THE CYRL LIFE' at the top, followed by 'Collections', 'View', and 'Statistics'. Below this is an 'Authorization' section with 'Login:' and 'Password:' input fields and a 'Login' button. At the bottom left, there are links for 'download foxitreader' and 'download WinDjView', and an 'RSS' feed icon.

Development and dissemination of a handbook on open access in Kyrgyzstan

The handbook, in Kyrgyz and Russian, in print and electronic formats, covers the history of open access in Kyrgyzstan, current trends, and offers guidance on applying open access in practice.

It is being distributed to all major universities, targeting libraries, research/science departments and doctoral and master's programmes.

Kyrgyz lang: <https://dspace.auca.kg/handle/123456789/2773>

Russian lang: <https://dspace.auca.kg/handle/123456789/2797>



Development and dissemination of a handbook on Electronic Resources in Educational Organizations

The handbook explores technology strategies for discovering and sharing Open Educational Resources (OER). It covers repositories, content management systems, aggregators, and metadata, focusing on making easy to find and reuse. Published with support from the U.S. Embassy in Kyrgyzstan, it is available via the AUCA Digital Repository.

The handbook in Kyrgyz and Russian, in print and electronic formats

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