Research Dissemination
Academic Initiatives at Other Universities

Institutional Repositories:
Libraries have developed institutional repositories in which faculty and students can deposit their published works that are then made open and accessible through search engines such as Google. Some universities, such as Harvard, MIT, Boston University, Dartmouth, Cornell, Princeton, have open access mandates for depositing. These repositories often supply usage statistics. Some examples are:

MIT DSpace http://dspace.mit.edu/
The MIT Open Access Articles collection consists of scholarly articles written by MIT-affiliated authors that are made available through DSpace@MIT under the MIT Faculty Open Access Policy, or under related publisher agreements.


Cornell eCommons https://ecommons.cornell.edu/
eCommons is a service of the Cornell University Library that provides long-term access to a broad range of Cornell-related digital content of enduring value. As part of its social commitment as a research university, Cornell strives to ensure that scholarly research results are as widely available as possible.

Research Data Management:
Some repositories, such as MIT’s and Cornell’s, are also repositories for research data. Other universities, such as Harvard, have built separate data repositories.

MIT Open Data Storage in DSpace@MIT
http://libraries.mit.edu/data-management/share/find-repository/
The repository established to capture, distribute, and preserve the digital products of MIT faculty and researchers. DSpace@MIT is an option for making research data publicly available and ensuring long term access to it, depending upon the nature of the content and the size of the datasets.

Harvard Open Data Assistance Program
http://projects.iq.harvard.edu/odap
Many Harvard researchers are subject to open-data policies from the journals publishing their articles or the agencies funding their research. Many others simply want to open up their data to realize the benefits of transparency, collaboration, data citation, research acceleration, and reproducibility. ODAP is a program to help them. ODAP will offer advice and instruction on how to deposit data files in the Harvard Dataverse.

Publishing Services:
In the words of the Association of Research Libraries, there is an “emerging consensus that some sort of basic publishing services will become a core service of research libraries.” There is enough momentum in this direction that in 2014 61 academic libraries formed the Library Publishing Coalition, a membership organization which now has 66 members. Some examples of institutional initiatives are:
Boston College Journal Publishing Program
http://libguides.bc.edu/openaccess/bcjournals
Through the journal publishing program the Libraries provide services and software for Boston College faculty, staff, and students who want to publish an online open access journal. Journals are published using Open Journal Systems (OJS) software, an open source management and publishing system. Library staff customize the journal appearance, provide initial training to editorial staff and provide ongoing technical support. Articles are licensed for reuse using a Creative Commons license.

Syracuse University Publishing Support
http://surface.syr.edu
SURFACE, the Syracuse University Research Facility and Collaborative Environment, is a full-text, multimedia online database that provides access to an extensive selection of scholarly, professional, scientific, and creative output produced at Syracuse University. Like BC, the library is also using Open Journal Systems Software to support peer-reviewed journals such as Public: A Journal of Imagining America.

Open Educational Resources:
Libraries are working with faculty to provide high quality alternatives to expensive textbooks. Some members of the Boston Library Consortium, such as Boston College, University of New Hampshire, and University of Connecticut are following the U Mass model. Faculty are awarded a small grant ($2,000-$3,000) to work with librarians to identify appropriate open source materials or licensed content.

University of Massachusetts Open Education Initiative
http://library.umass.edu/services/teaching-and-learning/oer/open-education-initiative/
The Open Education Initiative is a faculty incentive program, funded jointly by the Provost and the library, that encourages the use of existing low-cost or free information resources to support student learning.

In the News:
Just last week two news items brought attention to the issue of access to materials and data for research, teaching, and other purposes.

Early English Books Online

Free the Law