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***The Ohio Journal of Science*
will continue as an international,
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SINCE NOVEMBER 1900, *The Ohio Journal of Science* (OJS) has been published in print. Beginning in 2014, the OJS added an online version published by The Ohio State University Libraries.

Increased printing and postage costs and sharply declining subscription revenue make distribution of the print version of the OJS financially unsustainable. Moreover, authors are now assured good visibility, worldwide, because papers published Open Access online are indexed quickly after publication by Google Scholar (<https://scholar.google.com/>). In what used to take many months or even a year, well-written manuscripts now can be published online in several weeks if both reviewers and authors meet deadlines.

Accordingly, the Board of Trustees of The Ohio Academy of Science determined that ***the current printed, peer-reviewed papers issue of the OJS will be the last printed.*** The April Annual Meeting Program Abstracts issue will be printed but not mailed. It will be published Open Access online several weeks before the Annual Meeting and distributed at the meeting.

The Academy will continue to print a handful of copies for office use and to send to the State Library of Ohio, the Ohioana Library Association, the Ohio History Connection Archives and Library, and the Natural History Department of the Ohio History Connection.

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