# Access to Knowledge

#### Four Pillars of Communication Rights

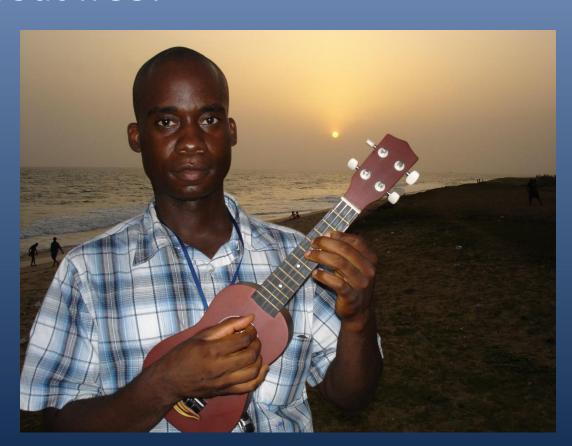
- Communicating in the Public Sphere: The role of communication and media in exercising democratic political participation in society.
- **Communication Knowledge**: The terms and means by which knowledge generated by society is communicated, or blocked, for use by different groups.
- Civil Rights in Communication: The exercise of civil rights relating to the processes of communication in society.
- Cultural Rights in Communication: The communication of diverse cultures, cultural forms and identities at the individual and social levels.

## The Open Content Movement

- Creative Commons
- Journal access projects: AJOL, Elsevier, others...
- Crowd sourcing: Wikipedia guys
- BC: texts for 40 most popular subjects
- California: 50 open-source digital textbooks
- Texas: rewriting HS texts to meet local mores

#### **Bandwidth Blackmail**

- Come and get it!
- What's so free about free?
- Phillip in Liberia



### Librarian's Experience with "Open"

- Funded external programs (LC grants)
- One-way street
- Artifacts online
- The Web as a shopping list
- Privacy

## Indigenous Knowledge

- Who's to protect the IP of the poor?
- Disney rewriting traditional stories
- Protecting Traditional Cultural Expressions
- Medicines out of context
  - Nigerian shaman in D.C. jail
- West African bone-setters
- The Lagos Marriot
- HIV-AIDs drugs from \$10,000 to \$365 a year

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