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Federally funded scientists need online access to the journals in their field; they are much more productive with that online access, and less efficient without it. I suspect that many such scientists that are affiliated with smaller universities and research centers don't have online access to all of the journals in their field. Although my current employer does provide me with online access to these journals, past employers couldn't afford the cost of that access, which hampered my access to scientific publications, and made me less efficient.

My field is astronomy research, which is supported by grants from NASA and NSF. I would recommend that these agencies negotiate agreements or contracts with the major the publishers in the relevant fields so that these publications would provide open access to all readers to those journal articles authored by federally funded scientists.

I would also recommend that the relevant funding agencies also pay these publishers to provide an open access to past journal articles as well.