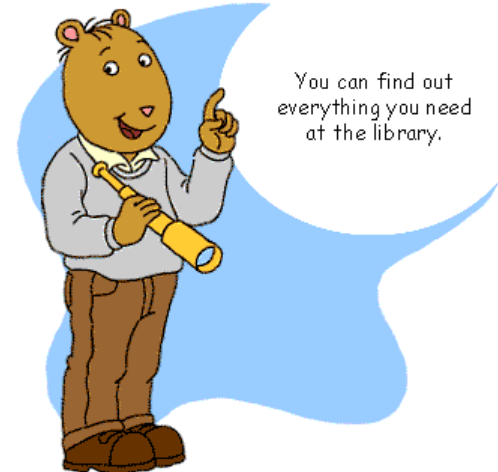


The

University of Leicester Experience

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What is it?

A repository which is:

- Institutional
- Open access
- Full text
- Research

The plan for this presentation

The idea



Now

Initial idea

- Library wanted IR
- But didn't want to be first
- Then, timely academic interest in IR
- Ask the Library!

Staffing

- Internal secondment of one (half) person
- Project Group
- Academic Steering Group
- Must be sustainable within existing staff resource

Initial work

- Software
- Looking at other people's repositories
- Support materials: DSpace, SHERPA
- Workflow
- Marketing
- Copyright
- Licence
- Metadata
- Talk to people

Initial plan

- Early adopters – identified by us
- Launch planned when their work archived
- Then add everyone else!
- Changes to launch plan

Early adopters

- Three departments
 - With problem we thought LRA would answer
 - Enthusiasm for open access not necessary
- The real enthusiasts
 - Were frequently elsewhere as individuals
 - OA enthusiasts
 - Some enthusiastic departments
 - Keen to promote department
 - The Vice Chancellor

Early policy

- Showed test instance at meeting
- Presentation to Research Committee, with decisions taken on:
 - Name
 - Content
 - New and old staff
 - Dates
 - Deleting work

Growth

- First one added June 2006
- Progress:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| – August 2006 | 38 items | 7 departments |
| – September | 126 | 14 |
| – October | 172 | 16 |
| – December | 194 | 16 |
| – 21 st March 2007 | 232 | 19 |

What actually happened (1)

- Early adopter 1
 - Added their departmental publications
 - And the work of one or two people they chose
 - One of whom was an enthusiastic adopter
- Early adopter 2
 - Licences!
 - Too many publications!
 - Already open access

What actually happened (2)

- Early adopter 3
 - Some work added
 - Copyright and versions
 - Licences!
 - Enthusiasm? (see recent UNC work)
- Other adopters
 - Found through other campaigns
 - Can supply final versions!
 - OA enthusiasts

Things we have done (1)

- Technical enhancements
- Brochure
- Community, subcommunity and collection
- Mailshots on flimsy pretexts
- Contacts
- Copyright and copyright text
- Takedown policy

Things we have done (2)

- Statistics
- Training
- Inclusion in search tools
- Inclusion in directories
- Publicity

What's it like?

Search LRA

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Who's using it?

Google Analytics



What's next?: transition

- Had to be sustainable within existing staff structure
- Identification of administrator
- Involvement of all information librarians
- Identification of manager

What's next?: the future

- Role of administrator
- Role of manager
- More people involved, so can do more
- Changing people's behaviour
- Promoting LRA on basis of
 - Increased citations
 - Increased awareness of your department
 - At no extra work to you
- OA mandates?
- Theses

Thank you

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