

Where are we now? (2023 remix)

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Progress, challenges and opportunities



Prioritising open content over alternatives

New content strategies, eg
University of Sheffield: “The preferred method ... to provide access to content is to allow for ethical, sustainable, open access for all.”

Libraries (and their consortia) allocating funds and introducing initiatives to support open content and infrastructures, eg Lyrasis OACIP

New structures and roles to reflect the shift to open

Increase in number of open
scholarship/research/science
roles within libraries

Research = open research

The number of libraries engaged in publishing has increased from 115 (2016) to 168 (2023)



Source: [Library Publishing Directory](#)

The Cuckoo

Transformative
agreements:
replacing one big
deal with another?

- Cost-per-download culture replaced with assessing the value of transformative agreements
- No space (budget, time, energy) for smaller publishers, other publishing models

Opportunities



Building on libraries' leading role



Implementing rights retention policies



Driving adoption and implementation of fairer evaluation of research, eg DORA



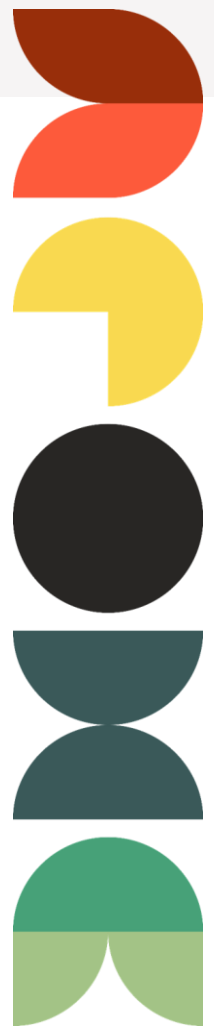
Partnering across the sector in initiatives, eg COPIM, DIAMAS



Leading on alternatives to textbooks through OERs and open textbooks

Reimagining discovery of content

- Moving to systems designed around open content, with purchased/subscribed content as an add-on (eg Sirsi CloudSource OA)
- Promoting the use of tools that surface a more diverse (and decolonised) range of research outputs, eg OpenAlex



Thank you!

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