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Introduction to Open Access Ebooks

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What is Open Access?

OA Ebooks at Aberdeen Uni

OA Ebooks elsewhere



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What is Open Access?

- International movement
- Academic Research
- Free, open, online, resuable
- Berlin Declaration on OA to Knowledge in the Sciences & Humanities - 2003
- Difficult to achieve...but getting there



What is Open Access?

- Funders / Researchers / Publishers
- Focus on Journal Articles...so far
- OA Books or Monographs
- REF 2029 Consultation right now
- Aberdeen University Press
- Lots of detail on our Open Research webpages



OA Ebooks @ UoA

- Use Primo to search
- Can narrow search results to OA only
- Titles within numerous Academic Databases
- Many subscribed resources also contain OA titles
- Accessible for all user types?



OA Ebooks @ UoA

• Live Demonstration of Primo...



OA Ebooks elsewhere

- Ever-growing numbers of titles
- Traditional Publishers
- University Presses
- Other Initiatives



OA Ebooks – Traditional Publishers

- JSTOR
- SpringerLink
- Oxford Academic
- ScienceDirect
- De Gruyter



OA Ebooks – University Presses

- Cardiff University Press
- LSE Press
- Scottish Universities Press
- UCL Press
- White Rose Leeds, Sheffield, York



OA Ebooks – Other initiatives

- <u>Directory of Open Access Books DOAB</u>
- OAPEN Library
- Open Research Library
- Hathi Trust
- ScholarLed
- OpenBook Collective



The Future

- Policy, legislation and ethics will continue the push
- Better aggregation and finding tools needed
- New OA models will continue to emerge

