Finding Open Access Content

• OA and non-OA finding tools: mostly the same
• Are also some OA-specific tools
• Will look at:
  – Broad-level tools
  – OA-specific tools
  – Abstracting and indexing tools/aggregators
Broad-Level Tools

• Google, Google Scholar, Scirus, Scopus, etc,

• Searched all four for “we own it” and “waller” – all worked, some better than others
Open Access-Specific Tools

- OAIster
- Scientific Commons
- CARL Metadata Harvester
Abstracting and Indexing Tools/Aggregators

- Now standard tools in libraries
- General and subject specific, with and without fulltext
- AB libraries have access to many of these
- Searched for “BMC” and “PLoS” in some indexes
Making Open Access Content Accessible

• MARC records
• A-Z lists
• Link resolvers
MARC Records

• Machine-Readable Catalogue or Cataloguing
• Can create MARC records for OA material individually
• Sharing MARC records e.g. OCLC, library systems, library consortia
• MARC records services e.g. Serials Solutions, Ex Libris, reSearcher, etc.
• MARC records from publishers
A-Z Lists

• Provide alphabetical, outside-the-catalogue access to e-resources with basic information (e.g. title, coverage, link)
• Variety of providers e.g. TDNet, Serials Solutions, SIRSI Dynix, Ex Libris, reSearcher, etc.
• Can make your own
• Sometimes a webpage works
Link Resolvers

• Link resolvers utilize Open URLs and take users to available online fulltext
• Many providers of resolver services e.g. Serials Solutions, Ex Libris, EBSCO, Ovid, re Searcher, etc.
The Wisdom of Joyce

• It might be OA but you have to register
• Watch out for “select OA/hybrid OA” journals
• Sometimes there is a lack of original cataloguing for OA journals
Some Concluding Thoughts

• The OA movement is growing rapidly – there will be more for your library

• What can we do for OA?:
  – promote resources
  – support and take part in policy development
  – support OA financially (small and large scale);
  – make our own LIS scholarship openly accessible
  – get involved!
Questions? Discussion?
Discussion Questions

• What are you doing to promote Open Access?
• What are some inventive ways you’ve seen Open Access promoted?
Some Resources

• Google: www.google.ca
• Google Scholar: scholar.google.ca
• Scirus: www.scirus.com
• Scopus: www.scopus.com
• OAIster: www.oaister.org
• Scientific Commons: www.scientificcommons.org
Some Resources (cont.)

• CARL Metadata Harvester: http://carl-abrc-oai.lib.sfu.ca/
• reSearcher: researcher.sfu.ca
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