

SFU's Institutional Repository

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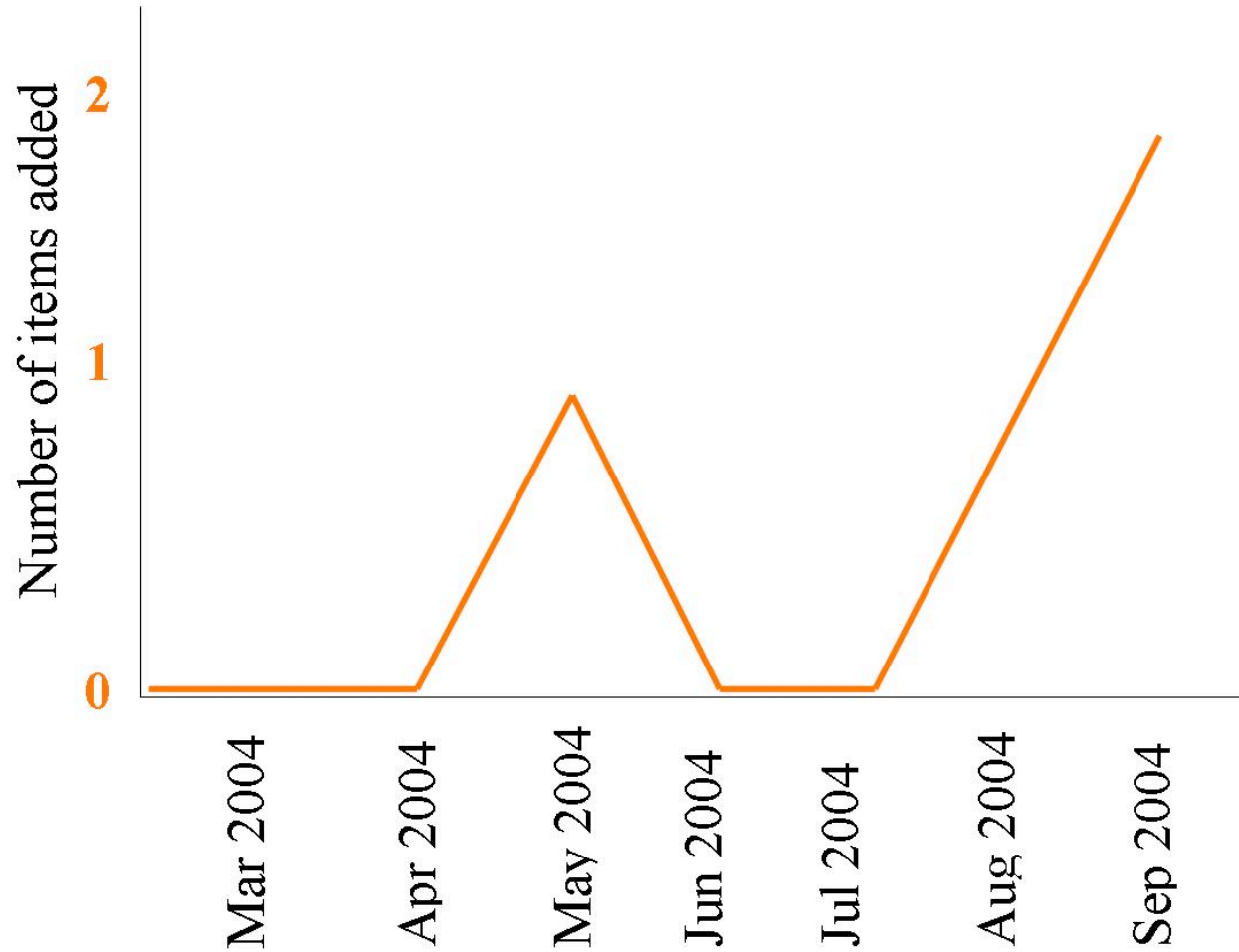
**Beyond Limits: Building Open
Access Collections**

**CARL Institutional Repositories in
BC**

A little bit of history

- It all began in 2004
- DSpace was the software of choice
- A rather grand goal: To house the university's scholarly output with no access restrictions

Our progress over the first few months



The HM IR

DSpace™

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Some good news: Theses

- Mandatory online thesis deposit
- 150-250 theses per term
- Well received by our end users
- Not always well received by those depositing the thesis


Challenges: Promotion & Staffing

If you build it, will they come?

Challenges: Faculty Attitudes

What's in it for me?

Challenges: Systems

-  DSpace
- Do we actually do managed preservation?

Hope springs eternal: Future plans

- Move from DSpace?
- Online theses continue
- Scholarly Communication Plan
 - Get the liaison librarians involved
- Dedicated IR staff

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