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Antbase is the largest free available database about ants? **Antbase**

Research has shown that freely available publications are not only read by more people, but are also cited more often? **Arguments in favour of Open Access**

There are 277 e-books about food and the food industry in the database FOODnetBASE?

Libraries like Open Access.

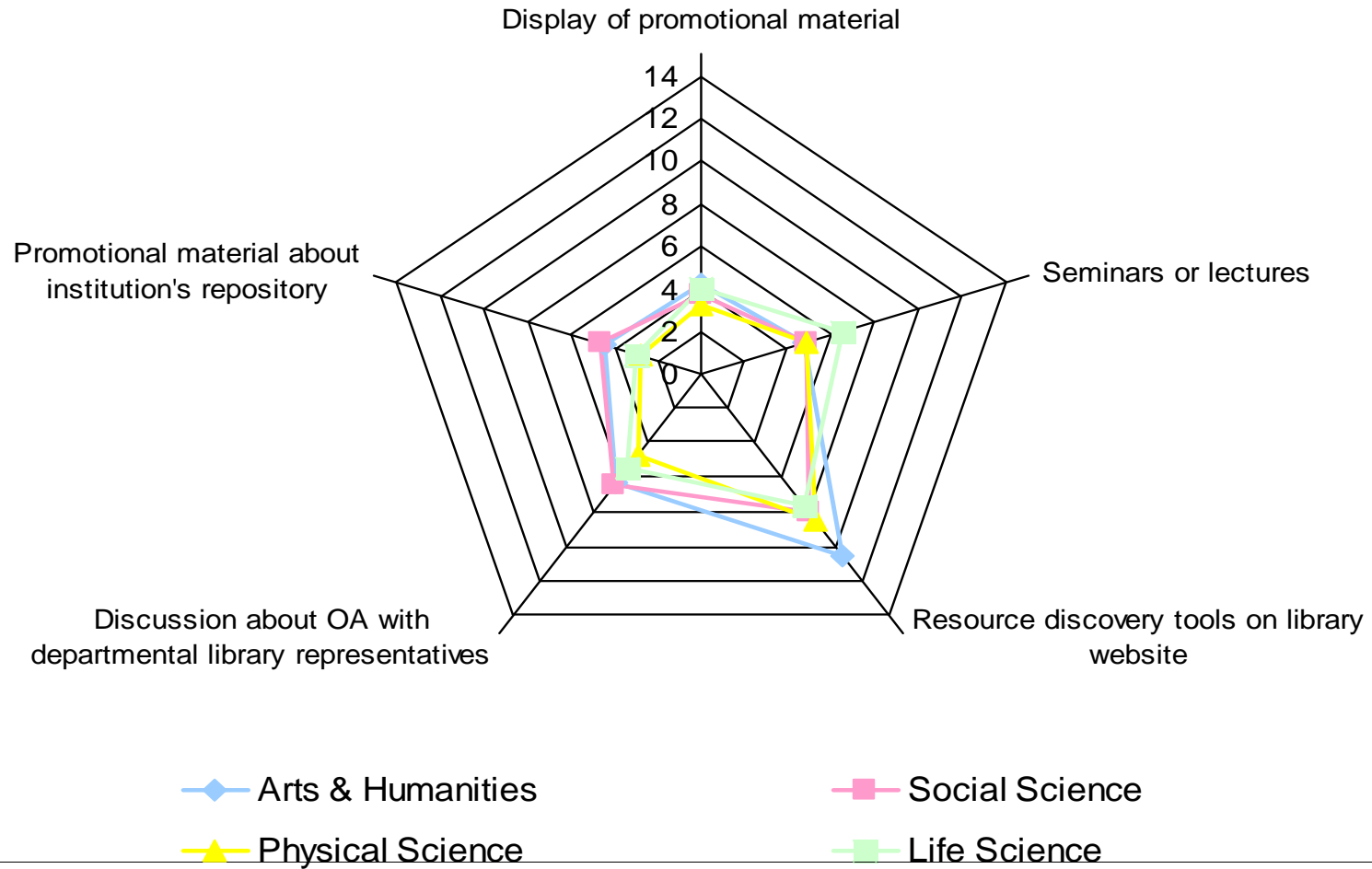
- Cost savings – especially as monograph budgets shrink.

Librarian Familiarity with concept of Open Access

Very familiar	50%
Familiar	38.6%
Not very familiar	6.9%
Not at all familiar	1.3%

Source: Researcher Awareness and Access to Open Access Through Libraries / JISC

Researchers Knowledge of OA



Libraries and Open Access

1. Advice / promotion.
2. Source of Information on Open Access
3. Link / maintain institutional repository
4. Resource discovery – cataloguing etc.
5. Preservation of Open Access

Libraries and Open Access Licence Type

Publishers have informed views on types of licences.
e.g. CC, Creative Archive, Click-Use, GNU FDL, Design
Science Licence etc

Libraries are agnostic BUT,

Do need clarity to allow use and reuse.

Discovery of OA - DOAJ

Only 15.9% had the type of OA licence displayed. All CC.

Language and Lit	1.7%
Environmental Studies	8%
Bioscience	23%
Health Science	31%

How to Discover Open Access Books and Journals

OCLC have MARC records available, but how many libraries use them?

JISC Study = 23 of 52?

At the moment workflows are based on *purchase* of content – to what extent is OA material prioritised?

Preservation – Open Books

Sits on the open web – not preservation standards or formats.

Responsibility of Legal Deposit libraries?

Conclusions

1. Preservation and Access is different.
2. Libraries are supportive of OA but currently workflows based on purchase.
3. Libraries will have to move expenditure to managing OA more proactively. e.g. Catalogue, manage links etc.

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