

White Rose Libraries Annual Report 2017



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Introduction

Key areas of focus during 2017:

- White Rose University Press
- White Rose Repository Services
- Collaborative Collection Management
- Strategy Planning
- Knowledge Exchange
- Working with the White Rose Consortium

2017 has seen a number of developments within White Rose Libraries (WRL). February saw the arrival of a new WRL Executive Manager, so a key focus of the first half of 2017 was induction and handover of responsibilities.

This year also saw the next iteration of WRL Strategy Planning, as the initial strategic plan ran from 2015 to 2017. The work done in this area included a review of progress to date and cross-institutional consultation on future priorities.

Alongside this, work continued on ongoing projects tied to the existing strategic directives. These included the White Rose University Press, the shared repository services, and collective collection management. In addition, WRL continues to add value by sharing staff experience and knowledge.

Journals

Commissioned: 4

Live: 3

With published content: 2

Articles published (by end 2017): 15

Views (by end 2017): 1859

Downloads (by end 2017): 656

Monographs

Commissioned: 5

In production: 1

Expected to be published in Q1 2018: 3

White Rose University Press has been the focus of a great deal of work in 2017. This year saw the publication of the first content through the *Journal of African Cultural Heritage Studies* and the *Journal of the European Second Language Association*. Two further journals, the *British and Irish Orthoptic Journal* and the *Undergraduate Journal of Politics and International Relations*, expect to publish their first content in Q1 of 2018. 2018 will also see the publication of the first wave of monographs.

A significant amount of work done around the Press in 2017 focused on improving internal documentation and streamlining process, learning from the experience gained by taking projects further through the production cycle. Time has been spent working to support authors with individual issues e.g. around using 3rd party content, and on building a marketing strategy for the Press.

The increased amount of work on the Press, required as projects progress and also to improve the internal infrastructure, has led to a greater proportion of WRL time being dedicated to this area. This ties in with emerging themes across the sector around the changing roles of the research library and the impact of Open Access. WRL are experiencing this from the vanguard through the Press.



Repository Services

The WRL repositories continue to be very well used. They contain over 65,000 items from the three institutions, with 15,000 added in 2017. This year, the repositories had a combined download total of over 3,300,000.

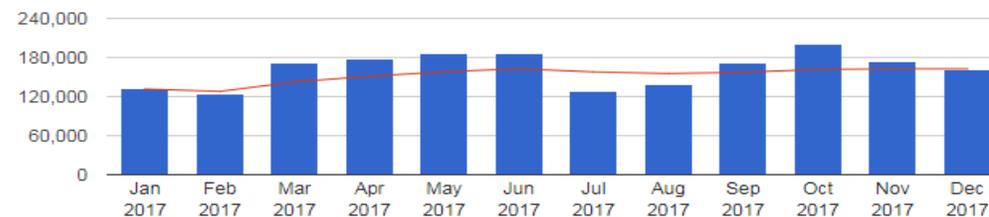
Work on the repositories in 2017 focused on:

- Continuing to work towards REF compliance.
- Improving the user experience.
- Improving the infrastructure underpinning the repository systems.

Digital preservation discussions around repository content began in earnest, with a steer from the White Rose Libraries Directors regarding which areas of repository content should be preserved. In Q4 of 2017, practical discussions around shared preservation standards for this content, as well as the technical infrastructure required to achieve this, started to give shape to a potential solution. This work will continue into 2018 and will result in a concrete proposal to take back to the Directors for review.

White Rose Research Online

Downloads



Activity Overview

 **14,333** Items

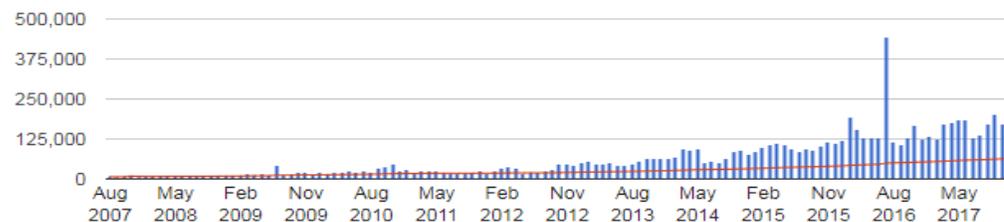
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 **98%** Full text

 **60%** Open access

Cumulative for the life of the repository:

Downloads



Activity Overview

 **53,041** Items

 **7,985,056** Downloads

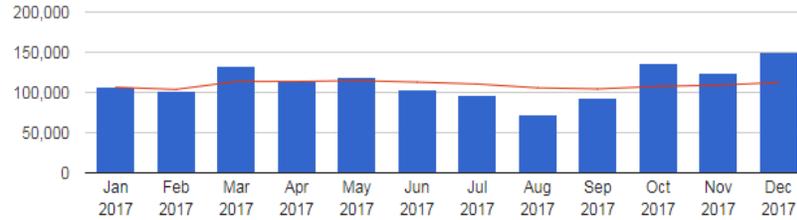
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White Rose eTheses Online 2017:



Downloads



Activity Overview



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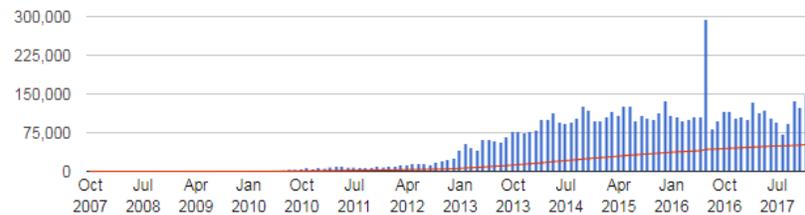
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Activity Overview



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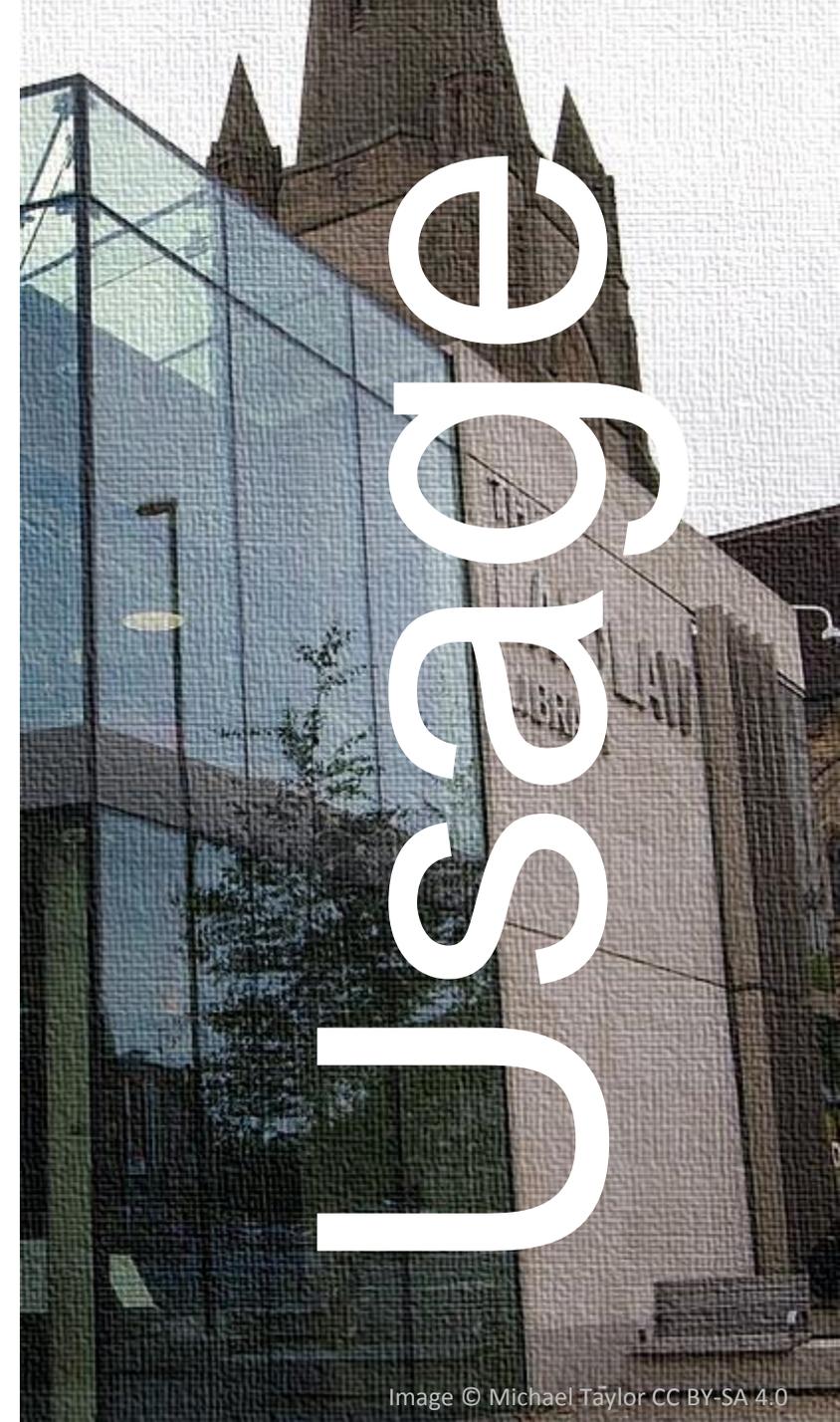
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79% Open access



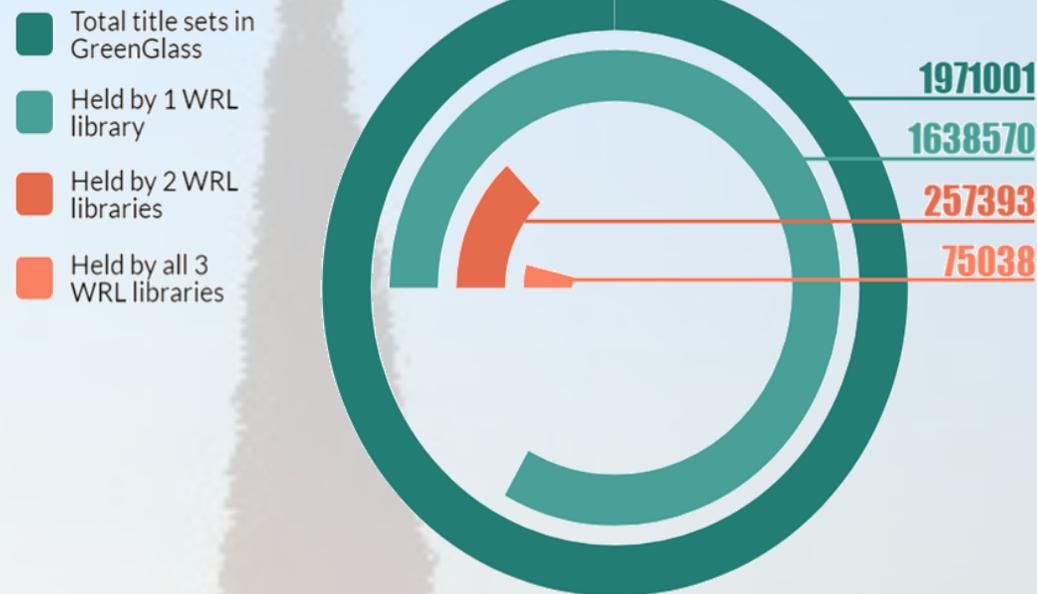
Collaborative Collection Management

2017 saw a great deal of work in this area. WRL had used the OCLC/SCS GreenGlass tool to explore an expected collection overlap. This had the potential to lead to a shared approach to collection development. The expected overlap was not reported by the GreenGlass tool, however. Much analysis work was done to investigate the validity of the findings (using GreenGlass, the Copac Collection Management Tool, and manually). This ground-breaking work was part funded by Jisc, and the [project report WRL produced](#) was well received and has been shared with the wider community. It found the GreenGlass results were consistent with those obtained in other ways, and concluded that the overlap across the WRL collections was not as significant as expected.

The extended period of data analysis means there remains work to be done on local outcomes of the collection analysis work, though the findings have already assisted in local weeding etc. Moving forward, we expect to work further with the GreenGlass tool as individual institutions. This may lead to further collaborative collection planning as the three libraries understand more about the complimentary collection strengths across White Rose.

WRL collection analysis: GreenGlass tool findings

WRL shared print collection - title sets



GreenGlass identified 1,971,001 titles in the WRL combined collections.

- 1,638,570 of these titles (83%) were identified as held by only one White Rose Library
- The institutions all had significant proportions of their collections that were unique across WRL:
 - 75.5% of University of Leeds collections
 - 64.6% of University of Sheffield collections
 - 58.9% of University of York

Knowledge exchange

In 2017 White Rose Libraries:

- held a Digital Scholarship event at The University of Sheffield, bringing together library colleagues and academics from the three White Rose Institutions
- facilitated knowledge sharing across WRL, taking forward discussions in areas including Business Continuity Planning, Digital Preservation, Scholarly Communication, and Research Data Management
- Offered work experience placements as part of the Erasmus scheme (Sheffield and York only)

White Rose Consortium

White Rose Libraries continue to support the collaborative activities of the White Rose Consortium (WRC). In 2017, WRL implemented a reciprocal arrangement to improve Postgraduate Researcher rights across WRL. While initially requested by WRC Doctoral Training Centre PGRs, this was rolled out for all PGRs across the three institutions. In addition to this, WRL hosted one of the WRC Brussels Office interns during their York-based induction period.