- HOW TO PLAY -

The aim of the game is to digitise your collection of printed PhD theses and make them available on your institutional repository before the other players.

But be careful - you have a limited budget, and time is of the essence! Use your Open Access skills (and a little bit of luck) to find ready-made copies of the theses you need. The more you find, the faster you win!

- A SAMPLE GAME -

Your institution is moving to a new campus, and there's no space for the PhD thesis collection. This is a great opportunity to digitise the theses and make them available electronically via Eprints - but you need to work fast.

You start off with 283 printed theses. The initial quote for digitisation is just over £13,000.

The institutional repository already holds 55 theses, which you can add to your collection straight away.

Your friends at the British Library's EThoS service have digitised an additional 59 copies over the years.

Using your detective skills, you discover that the university's Graduate School have a total of 24 electronic theses pending deposit.

The total is already down to 145. But wait! You remember that until 2006, your research degrees were awarded by the University of Leicester. Checking Leicester's Open Access archive, you uncover a further 78 pre-digitised theses.

Here's where luck comes in! 10 of the theses aren't even from your institution, and 2 of them aren't theses at all.

But don't forget that other players are out to get you - for example, academics and other departments might discover an additional 27 theses during office cleanouts, just when you think you've won.

Don't give up! If you can cope with the occasional bad roll of the dice, you might find that by playing strategically and making use of the Open Access repositories at your disposal, you can reduce the number of physical theses to be scanned to as few as 56, and cut your digitisation bill by 80%, making you the winner!

MONOGRAPHOPOLY
The game of leveraging Open Access repositories for thesis digitisation

JUST GDPR SCANNING

OH NO

OPEN ACCESS

REPOSITORY CHEST
The Leicester Research Archive donates 78 theses to your collection!

REPOSITORY CHEST
Open Access repositories reduce your workload & expediture by 80%. Receive £10,000.

CHANCE
55 theses have already been deposited in your repository by conscientious students and staff.

CHANCE
Check digitised content for potential GDPR violations. Miss a turn.

CHANCE
10 of your theses were validated by another institution and don't need to be digitised.

REPOSITORY CHEST
You inherit 59 pre-scanned theses from the British Library's EThOS service.

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