LESSONS FROM PILOTING COMMUNITY FOCUSED REPOSITORIES

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Community oriented repositories.

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Lesson #1:

Open source is a must.
Anticipated Timeline

- October 2017 - Pilot announced
- January 2018 - Pilot launch
- April 2018 - Pilot concludes
Lesson #2:

Things don’t always go according to plan.
Hurdles

- “Let us know how it goes!”
- Library administrative approval timeline
- Open source developer community
- Doing things right takes time!

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Reality

- October 2017 - Pilot announced, first participant calls
- March 2018 - Internal MVP pilot
- April 2018 - First pilot MOUs signed, onboarding begins
- August 2018 - Pilot concludes
Initial Participants

- Large, research intensive university
- University press
- Canadian research university
- State-wide consortium
- Ourselves!

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Top Priorities

- Theses and dissertations workflow
- Customizable
- Self service
Lesson #3:
Governance is key.
Governance + Community Engagement

- Steering Board
- Establishing acquisition policies
  - Open Access
  - Open Source
  - No Bundles
- Special Interest Groups
- Community Forum

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What does “community focused repository” mean to you?

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Want to pilot Hyku? There’s still time!

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