Bringing Open Access content home to Public Libraries

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Open Access Explained

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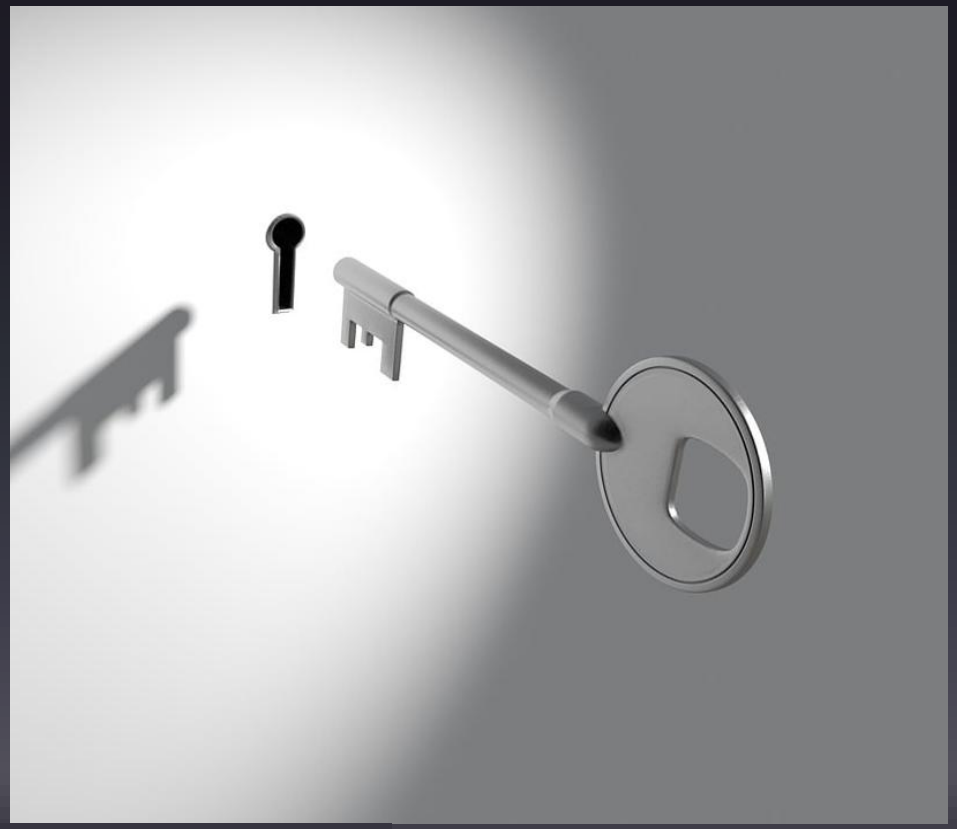
“An old tradition and a new technology have converged to make possible an unprecedented public good.”

The Budapest Open Access Initiative, 2002

Why is OA licensing important?



- Copyright still exists on digital content
- Increases accessibility
- Increases speed of research sharing
- Helps authors maintain integrity of shared research
- Positively impacts growth of collective human knowledge

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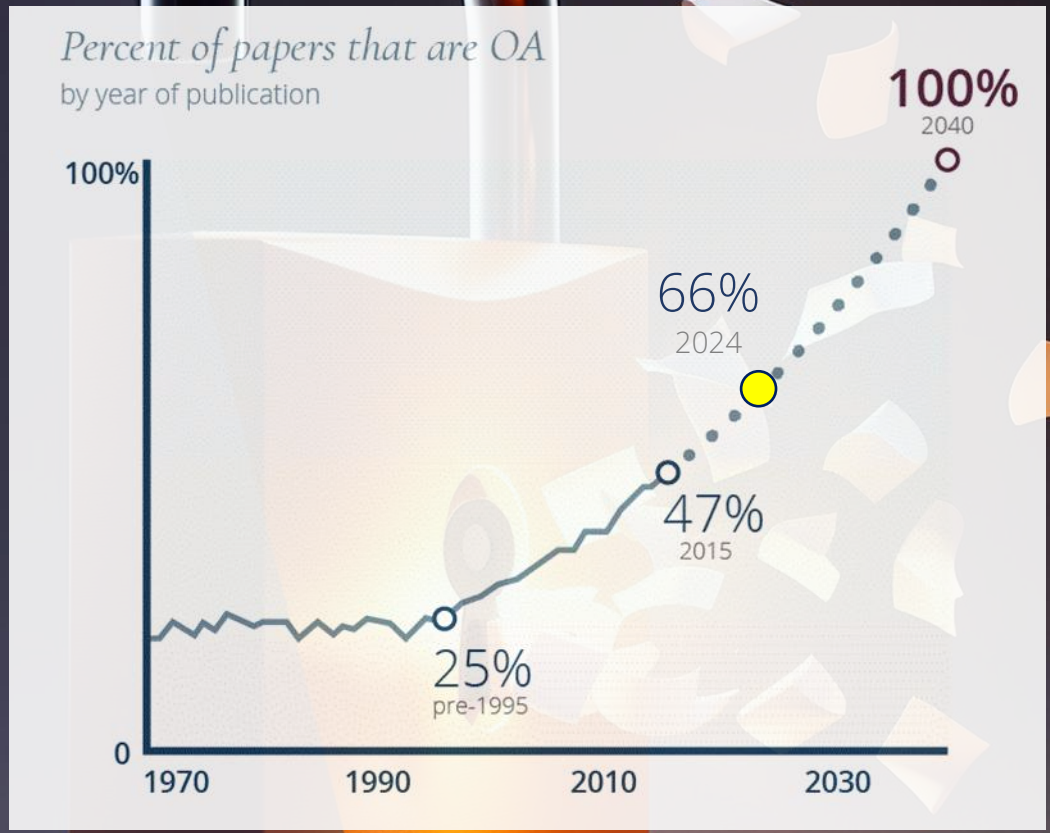
There's a lot of Open Access content available

95M+ OA scholarly resources (incl. articles, books, data sets, etc.)

61M OA scholarly articles

Since 2017, **60%** of *all* scholarly articles are **OA**

5M OA articles were published in 2024--**66%** of scholarly articles



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It's in the best journals: %OA in 2017+ Publications

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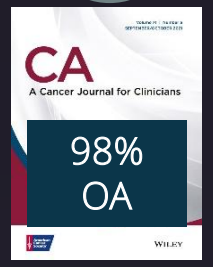

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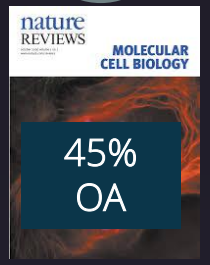

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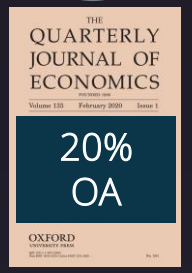

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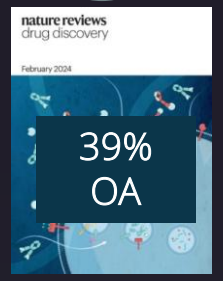

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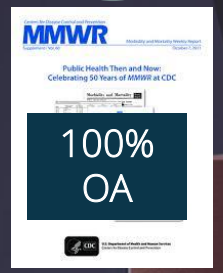

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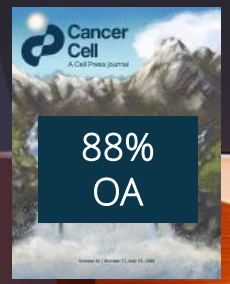

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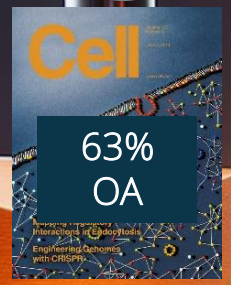

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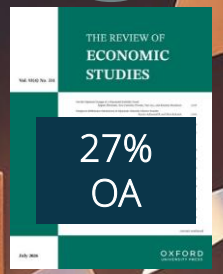

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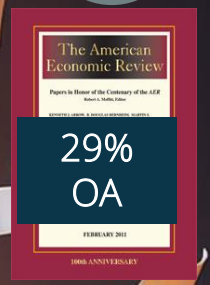

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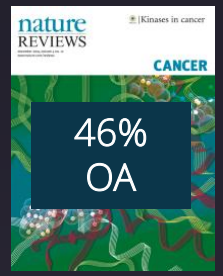

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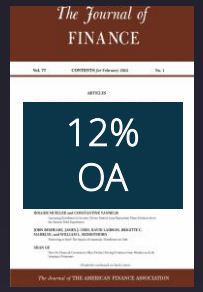

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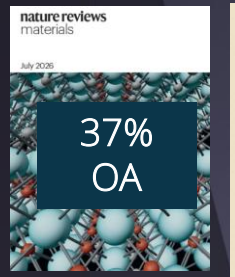

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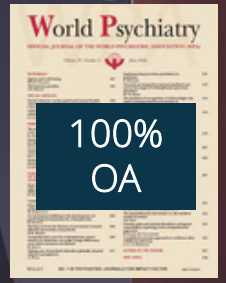

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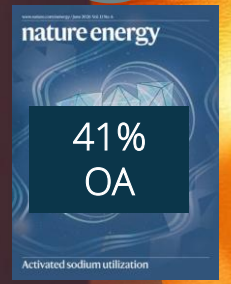

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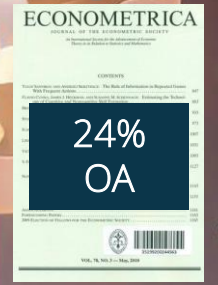

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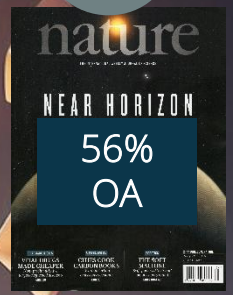

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