

Open Book Collective:

Sustainable Futures for Open Access Monographs

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To successfully create a new path toward an open and sustainable monograph future, especially in the humanities and social sciences—and particularly for the long tail of small, nonprofit, and under-funded scholarled publishers—the global community of publishers, infrastructure providers, and libraries must develop new OA publishing and funding models supported by fully open and sustainable infrastructures.



Building community-owned infrastructures to support open access books





Open Book Collective: Aims and Ethos

Aims

Raise new revenue streams for OA publishers & SPs Support a model of OA book publishing not reliant on BPCs Make it
easier for
librarians to
subscribe to
OA
membership
schemes

Build a new community of publishers, service providers, librarians

Ethos

Open infrastructure

Not for profit
(a charity, in
the process
of being
registered)

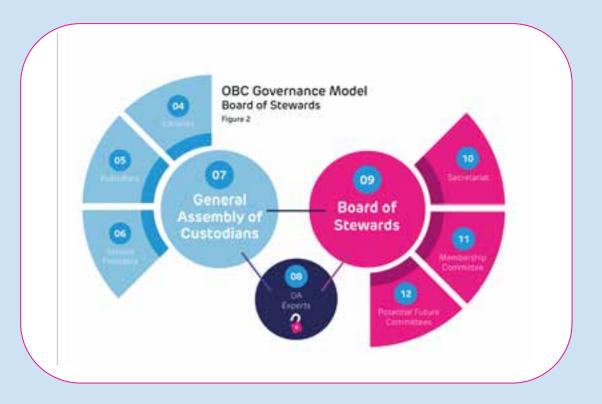
Communityled

Supporting bibliodiversity





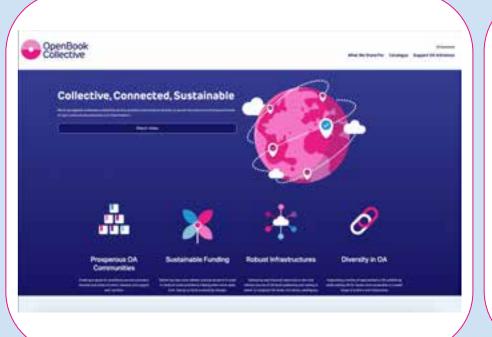
Open Book Collective: Community-led Governance Model for OA Monographs

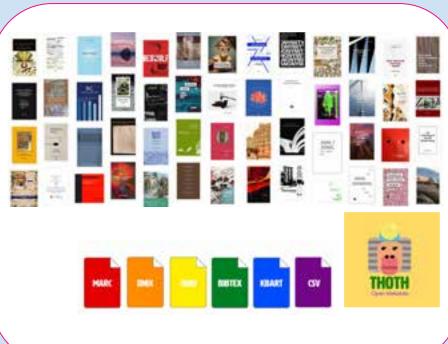


The OBC is not just a financial intermediary between open access book initiatives and funders, but instead is an interdependent and mutually reliant community of persons and organisations, all with vested interests in the transformation of academic book publishing.



Open Book Collective: Platform and Shared Catalog



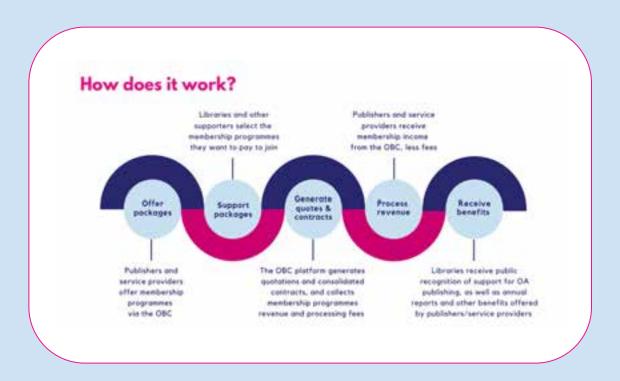




Open Book Collective: Community-owned OA Funding Models

The OBC's business model is distributive:

small annual contributions sourced from a network of research institutions across the world form a robust revenue pool that enables an extremely costeffective method for funding open access books in which no single institution bears a disproportionate cost and publisher and publishing service provider members share revenue and resources with each other.





Benefits for Libraries and Research Institutions

Aggregation

Acting as a membership package aggregator & discovery portal

Relevance

Quick & consistent information about values / priorities / subject focus of initiatives (including full book catalogue)

Due Diligence

Expert scrutiny of peer review practices, governance procedures, business models

Workflow

One procurement process, integration with third party payment arrangements



6pen Book Futures

A copim community project

£5.8 million funding to significantly expand and accelerate COPIM open access infrastructures

















Expansion of outreach both within Anglophone contexts & beyond

Platform enhancements + new OBC Info Hub Grant giving pilot, via Collective Development Fund, to build publishing capacity



Bibliodiversity in the OA monograph publishing ecosystem



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The OBC is an interdependent and mutually reliant community of persons and organisations all devoted to bibliodiversity and the long-term sustainability of highquality open access scholarly books and long-form scholarship.





Bibliodiversity in the OA monograph publishing ecosystem

Workshop: Towards Sustainable Open Access Book Publishing in the African Context

Dates: February 7th, 8th, 9th 2024 Location: University of Cape Town

Partners: Association of African Universities, African Platform for Open Scholarship (formerly Continental Platform), Lancaster University, Open Book Collective, Thoth, OAPEN/DOAB



https://openbookcollective.pubpub.org/pub/call-for-applications-towards-sustainable-open-access-book-publishing-in-the-african-context/release/1



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Special Interest Groups

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Common Standards and FAIR Principles

Tools and Platforms

Multilingualism

Multilingualism SIG bookshelf

Advocacy

How-to-Advocacy

Open Access Business Models

Best Practices.

Open Access Books Network

Special Interest Groups



5. Open Access Business Models

The Open Access Business model Special Interest Group works on the main business models currently used by open access publishers, with a particular focus on the situation of European publishers in the social sciences and humanities, especially journals and monographs, in light of the Plan S guidelines. Furthermore, the group examines price transparency, and revenue infrastructure and management platforms.



Major strengths: partnerships, organizational support and key collaborations



Collaborations with new network partners

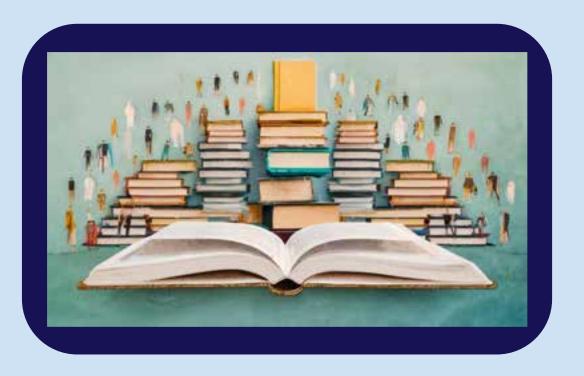
- SciELO Books (Brazil/Latin America)
- Next Generation Library Project/Educopia (US)
- Scottish Universities Press (SUP)/Scottish Confederation of University Research Libraries (SCURL)
- Research Libraries UK (RLUK)

Partnerships between:

- <u>Universities</u> (Birkbeck, University of London, Coventry University, Lancaster University, Trinity College, University of Cambridge), and
- <u>Library OA experts</u> (Lancaster University Library, Loughborough University Library, University of California Santa Barbara Library)
- o collaborating with a diverse range of non-academic stakeholders, including
 - OA publishers (Open Book Publishers, punctum books), and
 - > OA service providers (Jisc, DOAB, OBC, Thoth).
- Organizations that are supporting the project on a consultancy basis
 - o **LYRASIS** a major US library membership organization
 - OPERAS a Research Infrastructure provider with a focus in the EU
 - o SPARC Europe a key EU-based advocacy organization for Open Research
 - African Continental Platform Africa's leading platform for hosting OA books, and
 - Digital Preservation Coalition a charity dedicated to enabling its members to deliver resilient, sustainable and useful long-term access to digital content and services.



Conclusion: Long-term sustainability of the OA publishing ecosystem for monographs



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