

The Path to Open Access with Global Impact

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Who are we?

Organisation

- Independent, not-for-profit, Dutch foundation
- Cannot be sold or acquired
- Guided by the Principles of Open Scholarly Infrastructure (POSI)
 - Conducted self-audit in May 2023 (to be reviewed in 2025)

Mission

- Increase discoverability of peer-reviewed OA books
- Promote and build trust in OA book publishing

What do we do?

- We provide open infrastructures for open access (OA) books
- We serve publishers, libraries, funders, researchers
- OAPEN operates three platforms:
 - OAPEN Library (2010) <https://oapen.org>
 - Directory of Open Access Books (2013) <https://doabooks.org>
 - OAPEN OA Books Toolkit (2020) <https://oabooks-toolkit.org>



Peer-reviewed scholarly books

Strategic ambitions



OAPEN Strategic Plan 2025 – 2028 | OAPEN



Hosting, Distribution & Preservation

OAPEN Library 15th anniversary at Frankfurt Book Fair 2025

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Online library of open access books

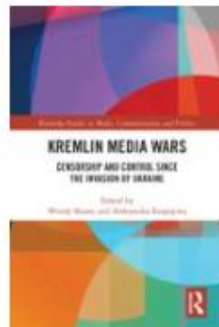
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OAPEN promotes and supports the transition to open access for academic books by providing open infrastructure services to stakeholders in scholarly communication. We work with publishers to build a quality-controlled collection of open access books and provide services for publishers, libraries, and research funders in the areas of hosting, deposit, quality assurance, dissemination, and digital preservation.

NEW ADDITIONS



The Material Mind



Kremlin Media Wars



Die unkörperliche Sache :
Paradigmenwechsel im
Sachenrecht



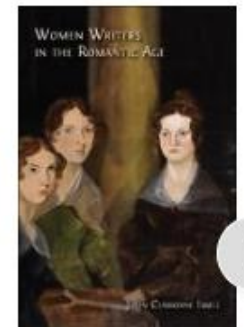
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Domkapitels zu Aquileia
und des Klosters Beligna
(bis 1250)



Antifaschismus und
Kalter Krieg

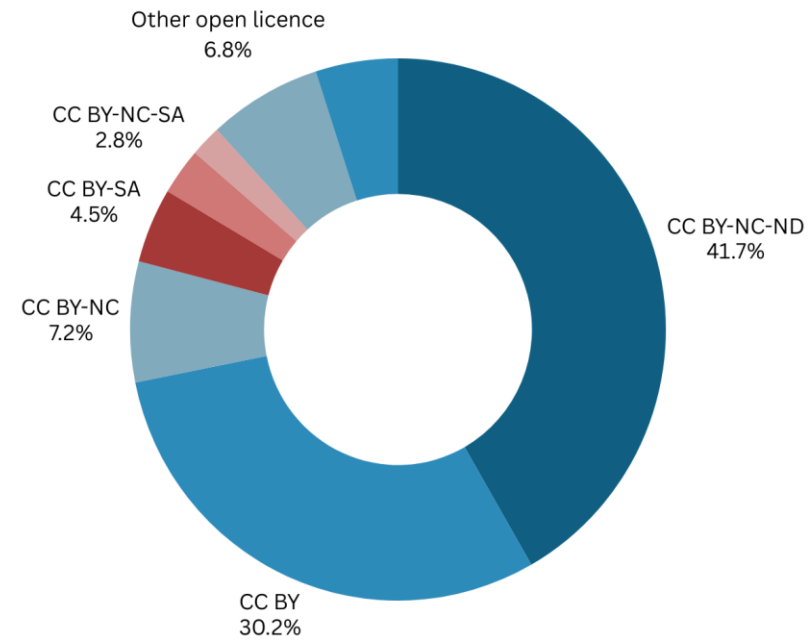


Weißbuch
datengestützte
Qualitätssicherung im
Gesundheitswesen

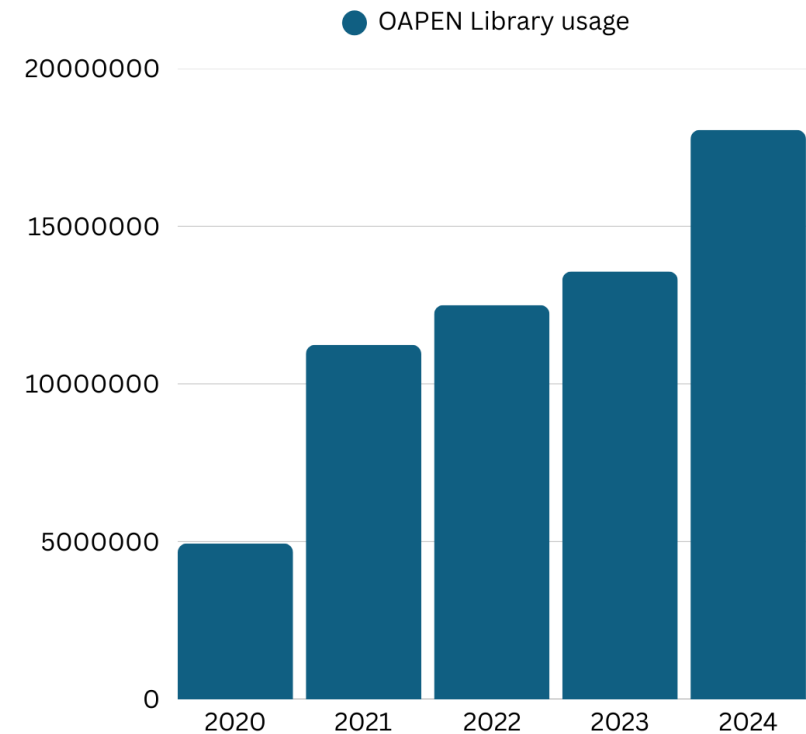
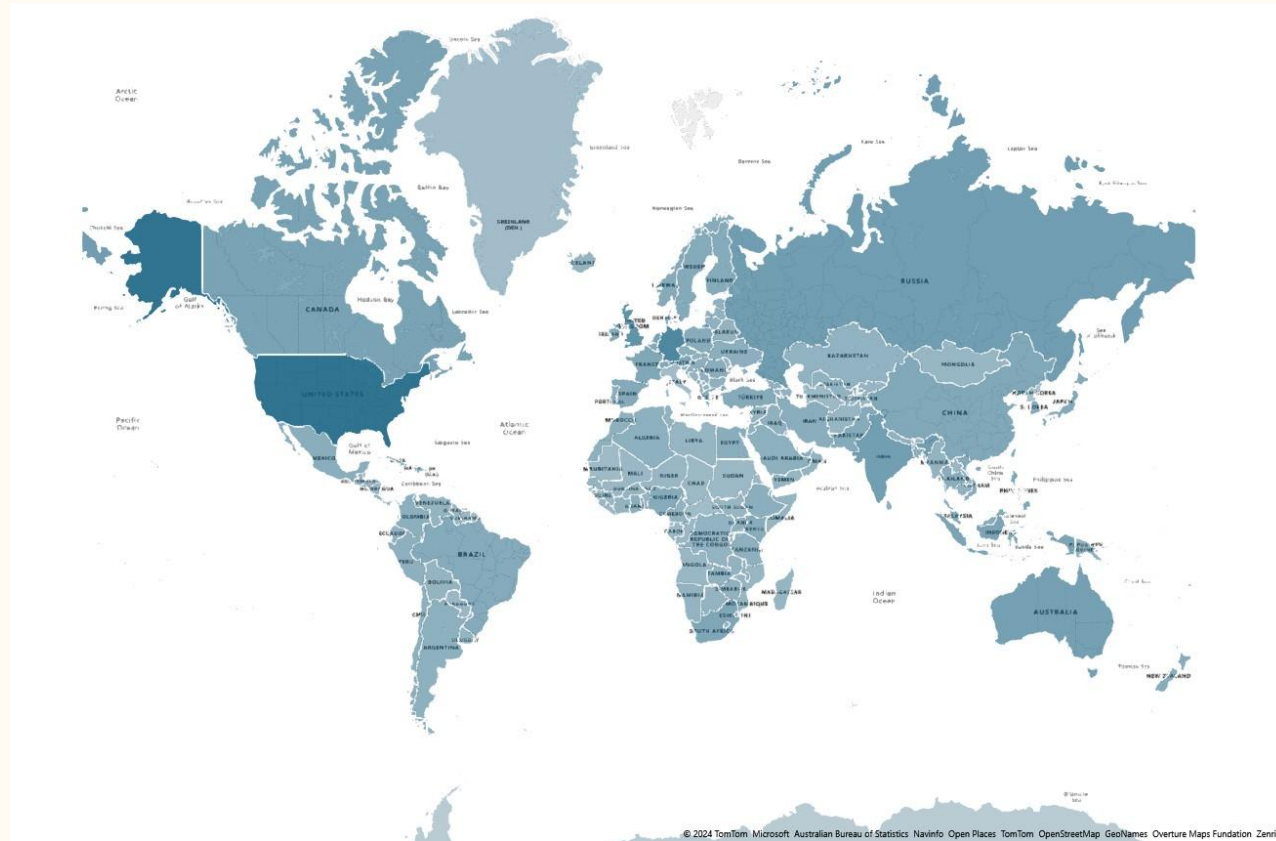


Women Writers in the
Romantic Age

Growth and bibliodiversity



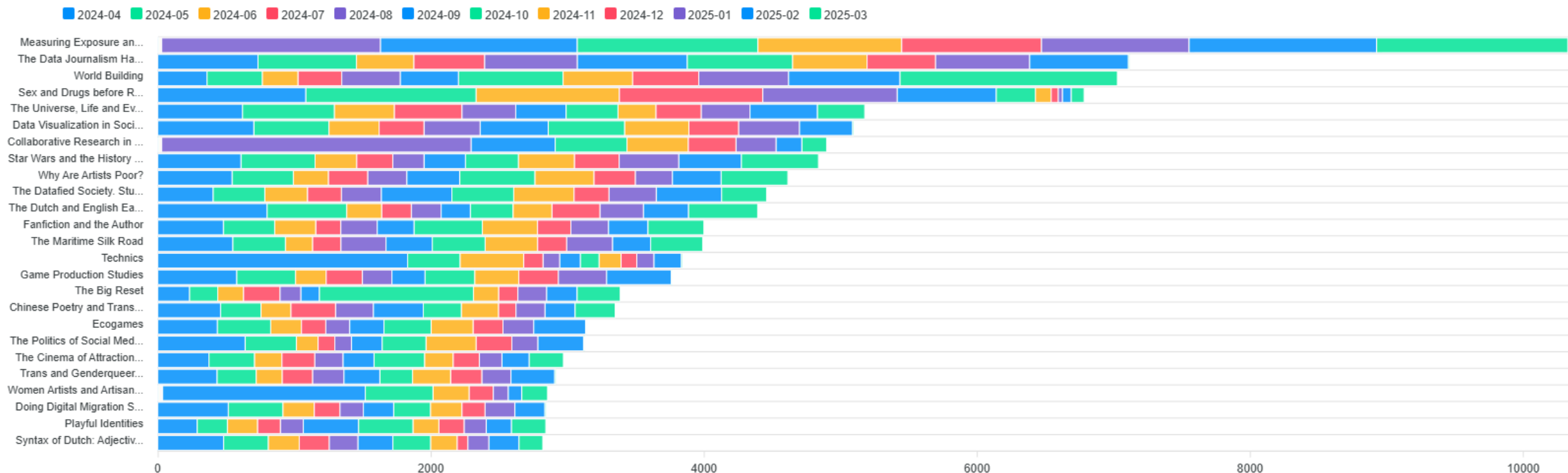
Global & growing usage of the OAPEN Library



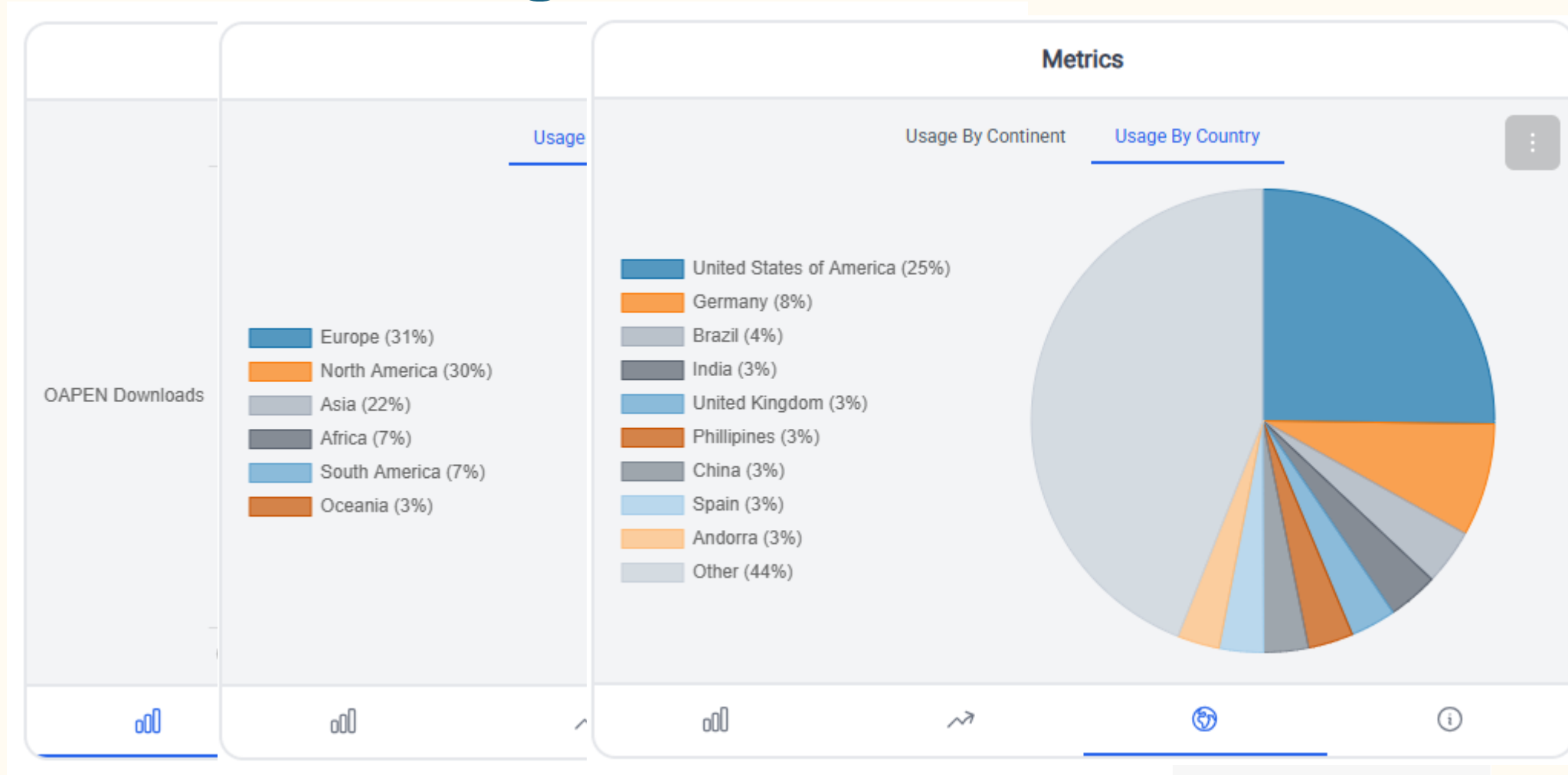
IRUS-UK data for January to December 2024

COUNTER downloads usage dashboard

Top 25 requests per month and title up to 2025-03



Title level usage data



Purdue University Press

Data Information Literacy



directory of
open access
books

Indexing & Dissemination



Who can apply to DOAB?

DOAB is open to all publishers who publish open access (OA) academic books in any language and discipline and fulfil the requirements listed below. We define open access books as scholarly peer-reviewed books including monographs, book chapters, edited collections, critical editions, and other long-form scholarly works that are available online free of charge, without any registration requirements, and licensed so that it can be further used by readers (under an open access licence such as a Creative Commons licence).

Requirements

The main requirements to be indexed in DOAB are listed below:

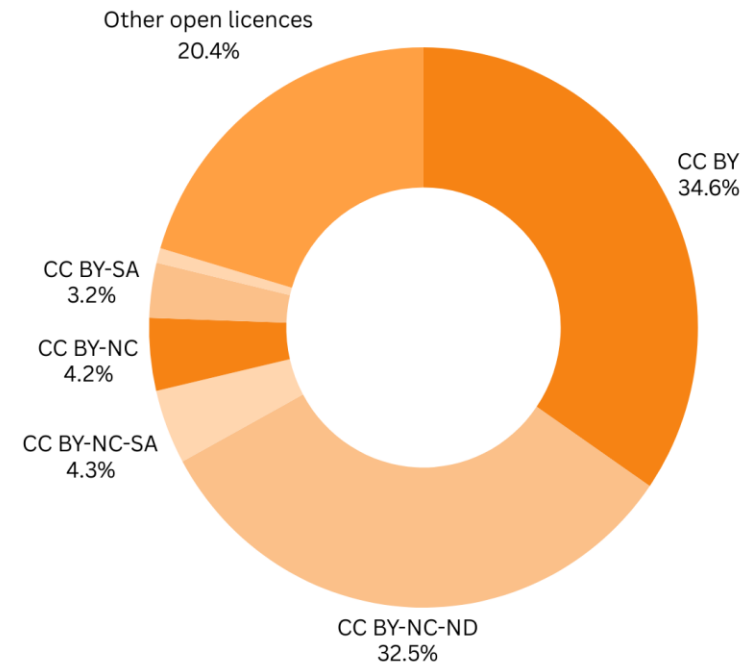
Website

- The publisher should own a dedicated URL and website/webpage that is accessible from any location.
- The publisher's website should be properly supported and maintained, with particular attention given to security aspects that help protect users from viruses and malware. As a minimum, the website should use https and not http, and all traffic should be redirected through https. Those responsible for the website should apply web standards and best ethical practices to the website's content, presentation, and application.
- The website should not contain information that might mislead readers or authors.
- The website should not copy another publisher's site, design, or logo. If any text is copied from another website, an acknowledgement to the source website should be declared.
- Contact details including:

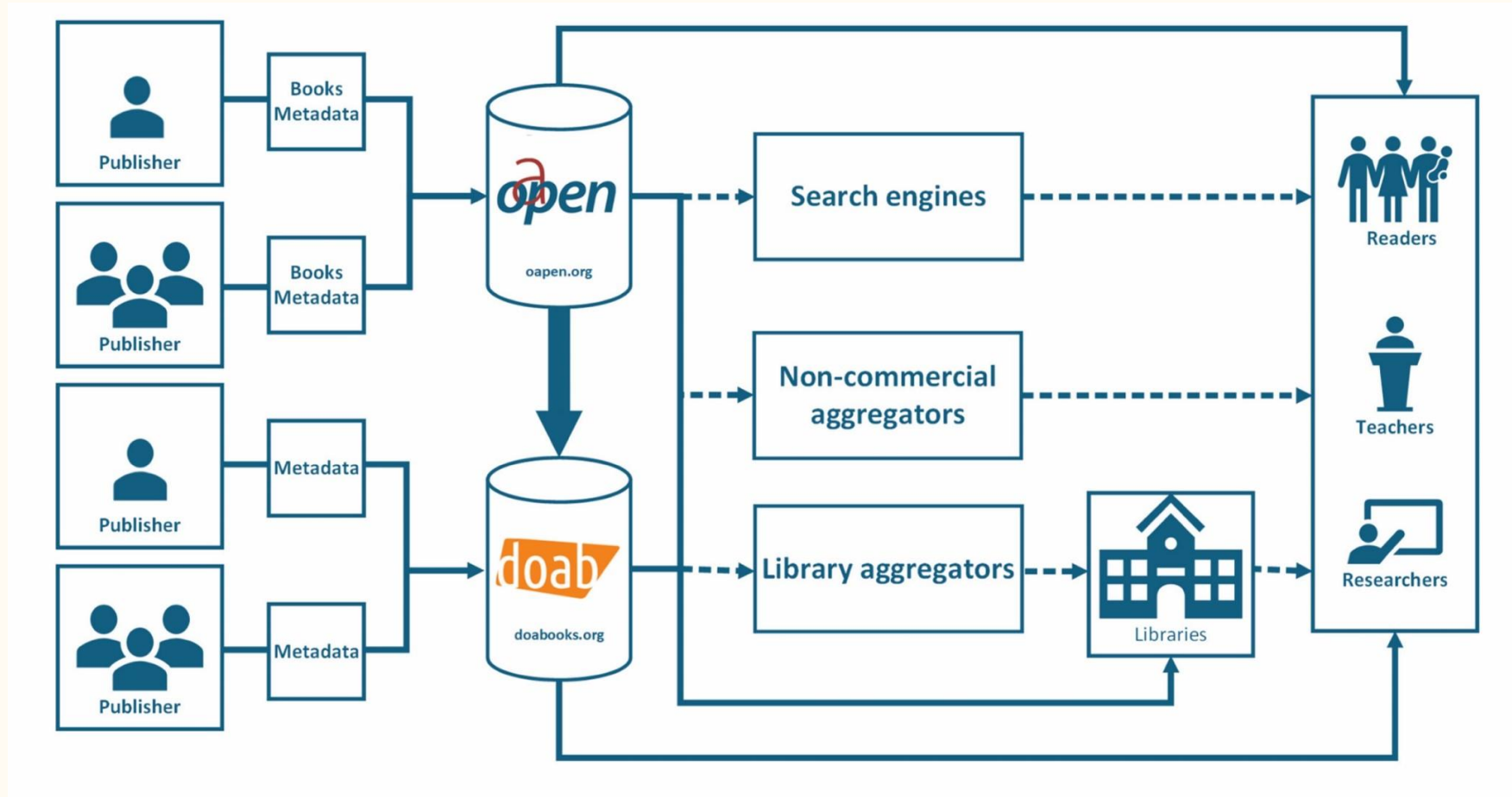
FOR PUBLISHERS

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Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB)



OAPEN & DOAB in a nutshell



Curated collections of peer-reviewed OA Books

Activate the OAPEN
Library collection - 3 options

- ✓ **Hosting** 40,000+ peer-reviewed open access books
- ✓ 400+ publishers and 60+ languages

OAPEN Library: open access books

- 1 Directly retrieve metadata from our platform:
<https://oapen.org/article/metadata>
- 2 Turn on our collection within your preferred library management system
- 3 Need support? Contact us
info@oapen.org



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Activate the DOAB
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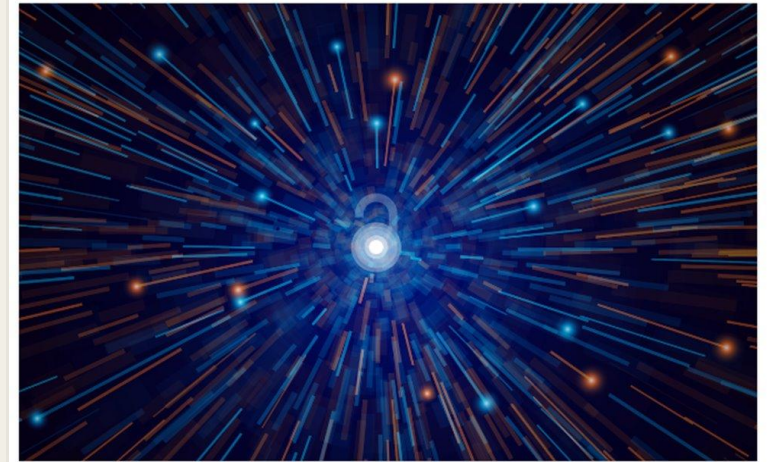
Technical developments of OAPEN & DOAB

- Migration to CERN (complete)
- Technical audit review performed by Curtin University Institute for Data Science
 - Consultation with key partners
 - Replication of code
 - Documentation of code
 - Recommendations
- Upgrade to next DSpace version

Enabling open access to books

An expanded collaboration agreement between CERN and the OAPEN (Open Access Publishing in European Networks) Foundation sees the Laboratory directly hosting the OAPEN Library and the Directory of Open Access Books in its Data Centre

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(Image: CERN)

Peer Review Information Service for Monographs (PRISM)

- Provides publishers with the opportunity to display information about their peer review procedures on publisher and title level
- Supports transparency around the quality assurance process of academic book publishing
- PRISM widget available

Peer Review Information for University of Michigan Press

The publisher has registered with DOAB PRISM the Peer Review Process for 3 Peer Review types:
What - What is being reviewed? Full text
Who - Who conducts the peer review? External peer reviewer
How - How - What is the level of anonymity? Double-blind
When - At what stage is the peer review being conducted? Pre-publication
Peer review is overseen by: Scientific or Editorial Board

What - What is being reviewed? Proposal
Who - Who conducts the peer review? External peer reviewer
How - How - What is the level of anonymity? Double-blind
When - At what stage is the peer review being conducted? Pre-publication
Peer review is overseen by: Publisher

What - What is being reviewed? Proposal
Who - Who conducts the peer review? Internal editor
How - How - What is the level of anonymity? All identities known
When - At what stage is the peer review being conducted? Pre-publication
Peer review is overseen by: Books or series editor

University of Oklahoma Press [4]

University of Ottawa Press [16]

University of Ottawa Press / Les Presses de l'Université d'Ottawa [95]

University of Pennsylvania Press [10]

University of Pittsburgh Press [2]

University of Rochester Press [17]



DOAB Trusted Platform Network

Indexing



Hosting



OPEN SCHOLARSHIP

Thank you



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