Open Access – enhancing distribution and discoverability of academic books

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OAPEN Library
Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB)
My background

Scholarly publisher (anno 1975) at University of Copenhagen
60 peer-reviewed books p.a.
10 SSH journals
Published in 23 languages

2003: Introducing e-books
2005: Google Books
2010: OAPEN Library of Open Access books

Frankfurt Book Fair, 2005 - private photo.
Our mission as scholarly publisher

To diffuse knowledge far and wide

Open Access Publishing
OA book advantages

- Increased readership, usage, and citation
- Wider reach and more diverse audiences
- Quicker and more lasting impact
- Policy impact (Uni. Michigan Library blog)
- Affordable teaching and learning
- More sales (Brown et al, 2023)

https://oabooks-toolkit.org
"DOAB continues to see strong growth, and continues to outpace the growth in journals. Over the 5 years to 2022, its CAGR was 34%, compared with 22% for OA journal articles."

https://deltathink.com/news-views-open-access-books-2/
Collection & Publishers in DOAB
DOAB in a nutshell

• Discoverability of OA books (distribution of open metadata)
• Trust in OA book publishing (evaluation of publishers)
• Supporting bibliodiversity
• Peer-reviewed academic books (monographs, ed. coll. etc)
• Open licensed works (e.g. any Creative Commons licence)
• No costs for publishers
• Free to use for anyone
Peer Review Information Service for Monographs (PRISM)

Increasing trust in OA book publishing by

- providing publishers with the opportunity of displaying information about their peer review procedures
- supporting transparency around the quality assurance process of academic book publishing
- Part of the OPERAS Service Catalogue

Info: https://doabooks.org/en/librarians/prism
Hosting Indexing

https://doabooks.org/en/publishers/doab-trusted-platform-network
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.

https://oapen.org
Books & Publishers in the OAPEN Library
Activate the OAPEN
Library collection - 3 options

- **Hosting** 28,000+ 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

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monthly COUNTER downloads from the OAPEN Library

1,640+
Newsletter subscribers

7,260+
X (Twitter) followers

450+
PUBLISHERS in the OAPEN Library

12
Funded collections

31,000+
OA books available in full-text
Challenges

• Funding
• Cultural habits
• Lack of incentives and reward mechanisms (tenure and promotion)
• Lack of publishing channels within certain disciplines
• False perception that open access is of lower quality (myths)
• Continued focus on the printed book
Thank you –

I am here to listen and learn and engage

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