Open Access E-Books
in Academic Libraries

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Overview

- Definitions
- Reasons for including them
- Sources
- Metadata
- Libraries in an OA environment

Open Access

"…digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions"   -Peter Suber

E-Book

- Login/registration requirements?
- Downloadable
- Formats/audio
- Peer review

WHY BOTHER WITH OA eBOOKS?

- Budgetary constraints

- Physical space

- New initiatives

- Taxpayer funded research

- OA eBooks find their way into expensive packages and approval plans

- Gov Docs

- Alignment with library OA advocacy

- Textbooks

DISCOVERING OA eBooks

- Many online indexes
- None comprehensive
- Some don't provide publisher lists
- Some offer metadata or records
- Some indexed in discovery services

OA eBook RESOURCES

- 1217 OA eBooks as of October 2012
- 33 publishers
- International scope
- Downloadable pdfs
- Coverage years:
2005 – 2012

http://www.doabooks.org/

OA eBook RESOURCES

- Over 1 million ebooks in a variety of formats
- Indexes large and small collections, e.g.:
  - HathiTrust, Google Books, Project Gutenberg
  - Archive.org
  - Econlib.org
  - Rand.org
  - University presses
  - Wide variety of formats
  - Check out their list of archives and indexes

The Online Books Page
onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu

Listing over 1 million free books on the Web - Updated Friday, October 19, 2012

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OA eBook RESOURCES

- Union catalog of digital resources

- 25 million records

- More than 1100 contributors

- OAI-PMH

- Customizable harvesting

- Digital object linking
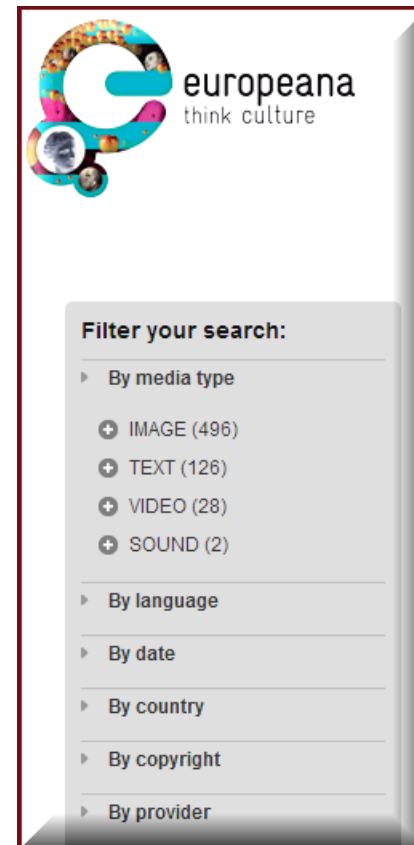
- API scripting and customizable lists

http://oaister.worldcat.org/

OA eBook RESOURCES

- Resources in the millions
- Easily narrow search by
  - Text
  - Open access
  - Public domain
- Downloadable pdfs

http://www.europeana.eu/portal/

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Networks, open access, and virtual libraries
implications for the research library
edited by Brett Sutton and Charles H. Davis.

Published **1992** by Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign in [Urbana–Champaign].

Edition Notes

Series	Papers presented at the 1991 Clinic on Library Applications of Data Processing
Genre	Congresses., Congr©Ł, Con

Classifications

Manage Covers

📖 **Read**

Read online

PDF

Plain text

DAISY

ePub

DjVu

MOBI or send to Kindle

📕 **Borrow**

Physical copy, local Worl

Publishers of OA books

OAD This list is part of the Open Access Directory ⊠.

- This is a list of publishers of OA books.
  - As of February 1, 2012, there are 77 publishers on the list.
- When possible, please annotate each publisher:
  - to indicate whether it publishers just a line (series, imprint, etc.) of OA books, or whether all its books are OA
  - to indicate whether it publishes OA monographs, textbooks, novels, or other kinds of OA books
  - to indicate whether the OA books are also offered in priced, printed editions, perhaps print-on-demand (POD) editions
  - to indicate when it launched its (different lines of) OA books
  - to indicate the licensing terms on its OA books
  - to use deep links to the relevant parts of its portfolio (i.e. its OA line of books or its different lines of OA books)
  - (If you don't have some of this information, add the entry anyway. Different users can add different details over time.)
- Related lists in OAD: OA book business models
- For real-time news about OA books, including announcements about OA book publishers not yet reflected here, follow the oa.bc
  OA Tracking Project. Also see the oa.books.sales ⊠ tag for studies, news, and anecdotes on whether full-text OA books help or

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- Academy of Science of South Africa Scholarly Publishing Programme ⊠
  - The Academy of Science of South Africa Scholarly Publishing Programme, born out of a 2008 proposal to the Department of
    the enhancement of the quality, quantity and worldwide visibility of original, peer-reviewed publications produced by research

http://oad.simmons.edu/oadwiki

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OA eBooks Impact

- Provide additional type of coverage when print exists
- Replace print with digital copy
  - Move print to storage
  - Discard Print
  - Modify approval plan
  - Incorporate OA ebooks search into bibliographers' selection workflow

Can You Spare a Little Change? Open Access on the Local Level

October 23, 2012 - 8:47pm

By Barbara Fister

It's open access week, and this always is a week when I feel inadequate. I didn't plan ahead. I didn't get that project off the ground, or bring in a speaker. We coulda invited a *contender!* I tell myself it's a busy time of year, and my cynical self says "yeah? When isn't it?" and that shuts me right up.

But because I believe in open access, I thought I'd think about the ways small institutions, ones that are understaffed and overworked and underfunded (does this sound familiar?) can make change on a small scale. Here are some things we've been working on at the Little College on the Prairie:

Selecting and cataloging open access books. We don't have a huge demand for ebooks from our community members, and that's good, because it matches perfectly with our lack of money for them. But I've been keeping an eye on the development of open access books. I have personally pitched some spare change at books up for ungluing at Unglue It. It sure felt good when Ruth Finnegan's Oral Literature in Africa was set free. Now five more are up for liberation, and I made my small contribution toward Lauren Pressley's *So You Want to Be a Librarian,* because a lot of our students are thinking about this profession of mine. I have been looking at OAPEN and the Directory of Open Access Books and projects such as the Australian National University Press and Digital Culture Books and have been selecting books for our collection, which our cataloger has patiently added. Where a print version is available, we have included a note inviting library users to request that we add a print copy; if that's what they prefer, we're happy to make that purchase, and if it adds some change in the pockets of these public-spirited publishing efforts, it's all good.

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DISCOVERY CHALLENGES

- Insufficient time/personnel available
- Texts offered in a variety of formats
- Discovering all that is available
- Describing and linking

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Metadata workflows

- Discovery layers
  - WorldCat Local/WMS, Summon, Primo, EDS
- Batch MARC records
  - Publisher, OCLC batch retrieval, collaboration, consortia
- OAI-PMH
  - Basic DC required, richer schemes optional
- Spreadsheets/CSV
- APIs
- Z39.50

Methods for Enabling Open Access Content

OCLC WorldShare Management Services, WorldCat Local, and WorldCat Local "quick start" Libraries

There are three easy methods to enable open access content. You can:

- Enable knowledge base links from **all** open access collections to appear in both the brief search results page and item-level detailed records.
- Search for and add knowledge base links from specific open access collections. Links will appear in both the brief search results page and item-level detailed records.
- Display links from Master WorldCat Record 856 and 956 fields to open access/free content (WorldCat Local & WorldShare Management Services Libraries only)

Instructions for and advantages of each method are below. There is little risk to enabling open access content. You can easily disable the features if you do not like the results.

Enable links from all open access collections

How to:
1. Go to OCLC Service Configuration - WorldCat knowledge base – Settings.
2. Find the Open Access in Resolver setting. Check the box "journals" and/or "ebooks":

Data Collection > **MARC records for lendable books**

Download item

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Play / Download (help ❓)

All Files: HTTPS

Resources

Bookmark

MARC records for lendable books (June 24, 2011)

This item contains MARC records (in ISO 2709 "binary" format) for 105,852 lendable items

The records may all be downloaded from the single file all_meta.mrc, or in smaller blocks f
contain 10,000 records each, and 11 contains the remaining 5852.) Each _identifiers.txt file
file.

01 contains 100000abovenewre00gerbrich through bigbookoffavorit00brau
02 contains bigbookoffavorit00savirich through convictnovel00burk
03 contains convictotherstor00burk through evolution00sava
04 contains evolutionafterda00taxs through guinnesssportsre00boeh
05 contains guinnesssportsre00mcwh through jesusourmentormo00haze
06 contains jesuspersonpocke00wilk through meaningofyourdre00mart
07 contains meaningsignifica01meie through outourwaygaylesb00rior
08 contains outpassage00morr through roadstodominionr00diamrich
09 contains roadstofollow00robi through sunshineenemies00cons
10 contains sunshinenovel00klei through welcometomontser00cort
11 contains welcometomountme00wall through zvimcque00mcqu

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Open access textbooks

- Service to students
- Tag with department/course number in catalog
- Faculty awareness
  - Use in course
  - Develop their own (+ print on demand)

http://digital-textbooks.blogspot.com

OA publishing by libraries

- Scholarly books (Michigan)
- Textbooks (Temple, UMass Amherst)
- Print on demand income
- Increase awareness of open access
- Support for the humanities

Downsides?

- OA books revert to paid access
- URL stability
- Out of copyright vs. currently issued
- Lack of library-publisher relationship
- Time-consuming for bibliographers
- Faster disintermediation of libraries

The impact of OA on libraries

Three recent surveys (SAGE, InTech, Swets)

Findings:

- Generally not concerned about impact on libraries
- Continued shift from collections to services
- Importance of discoverability
- Managing metadata in semantic web context
- Communication about OA with researchers

Implications

- Less need for collection development/cataloging/etc.
  New roles with refocusing of library services
- Funding shifts/loss
- Scale means
  - Network-level metadata
  - More automation
  - More dependence on publisher metadata
  - Integration of library metadata and SEO
- Improve metadata at the network level?
- More metadata needed
  identification, licensing, downloadable, textbook level
- PDF and licensing

Future Research

- Current licensing practices for OA e-books
  - and relationship to print on demand
- Do e-books drive print usage in libraries?
  - or trigger print purchases?
- Metadata comparisons
- Will OA drive open metadata?
  - and in turn drive linked data

NISO E-Book Special Interest Group
http://www.niso.org/topics/ebooksig/

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