

# Knowledge Unlatched

## Knowledge Unlatched – Results of First Pilot

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## Welcome to OAPEN

### online library and publication platform

OAPEN (Open Access Publishing in European Networks) is a collaborative initiative to develop and implement a sustainable Open Access publication model for academic books in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The OAPEN Library aims to improve the visibility and usability of high quality academic research by aggregating peer reviewed Open Access publications from across Europe.

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# OAPEN Foundation

- Dedicated to OA books
  - Peer reviewed content
  - Services for publishers, universities and funders
- OAPEN Library: deposit service
  - Aggregation, deposit, dissemination, preservation
  - Full text collection: 65+ publishers, 2200+ books
- DOAB: discovery service
  - Modelled after DOAJ
  - Only metadata: 64 publishers, 1964 books
  - Increasing discoverability and usage
  - Authoritative list of OA book publishers

# Funding Routes to Open Access

1. Hybrid model: OA edition + sales from print and/or e-books
  - *NAP, Bloomsbury Academic, most OA book publishers*
  - Freemium: *OECD, OpenEdition*
2. Institutional Support for Press
  - *World Bank, Amherst, most University presses*
  - Library-Press collaboration: *Mpublishing/Michigan*
  - Library Publishing: *Library Publishing Coalition (USA)*
3. Author side publication fee:
  - *SpringerOpen Books, Palgrave Open, Manchester University Press, Brill*
  - Research funders: *NWO Netherlands, FWF Austria, Wellcome UK, Max Planck Society, Germany*
  - University funds: *UCL, Lund, California*
4. Library side models:
  - Library consortium: *Knowledge Unlatched*
  - Library License: *OpenEdition*
5. Other models - Crowd-funding: *Unglue.It*



# What is Knowledge Unlatched?

- A road to Open Access books
- Not-for-profit
- Collaborative initiative, bringing libraries and publishers together to develop a route to OA for books
- A space to learn together
- A consortium of libraries paying a Title Fee (or BPC) to publishers to make their books OA



# Knowledge Unlatched Goals

- A sustainable route to OA for Humanities and Social Science (HSS) books (long-form publications)
- Spread costs of OA across many institutions globally
- Ensuring that HSS long-form publications are as accessible as OA science journals
- Help libraries to maximize the positive impact of spending on books





# Knowledge Unlatched Model

- Publishers submit titles to be published OA in exchange for a Title Fee
- KU selects titles from various publishers to form a collections of OA books for libraries
- KU attracts libraries to form a consortium, to purchase the collections and share the costs of Publishers' Title Fees
- 'Unlatching' cost for individual libraries dependent on size of consortium
- When Title Fees are covered by consortium, the books are published in Open Access



# Title Fee Examples

Title Fee	Participating Libraries	Cost per Library
\$10,000	250	\$40.00
	500	\$20.00
	750	\$13.33
\$15,000	250	\$60.00
	500	\$30.00
	750	\$20.00



# Pilot Project Design

- Collecting Books from Publishers
- Surveying Libraries
- Developing first Pilot collection:

28 books from 13 publishers (100 submissions)

Average hard back price \$ 95

Average Title Fee \$12,000

Target set at 200 libraries:

- Collection cost 1680 (max)
- Resulting price per book \$ 60



# Pilot Collection

## One Package, Five Subjects

All within Humanities & Social Sciences:

- History
- Literature
- Politics
- Media & Communications
- Anthropology



# Pilot Collection Publishers

Amsterdam University Press

Bloomsbury Academic

Brill

Cambridge University Press

De Gruyter

Duke University Press

Edinburgh University Press

Liverpool University Press

Manchester University Press

Purdue University Press

Rutgers University Press

Temple University Press

University of Michigan Press



# Publishers

13 book publishers:

- 10 University Presses
- 3 Commercial publishers
  
- 5 from USA
- 5 from UK
- 3 from other countries (Germany, Holland)

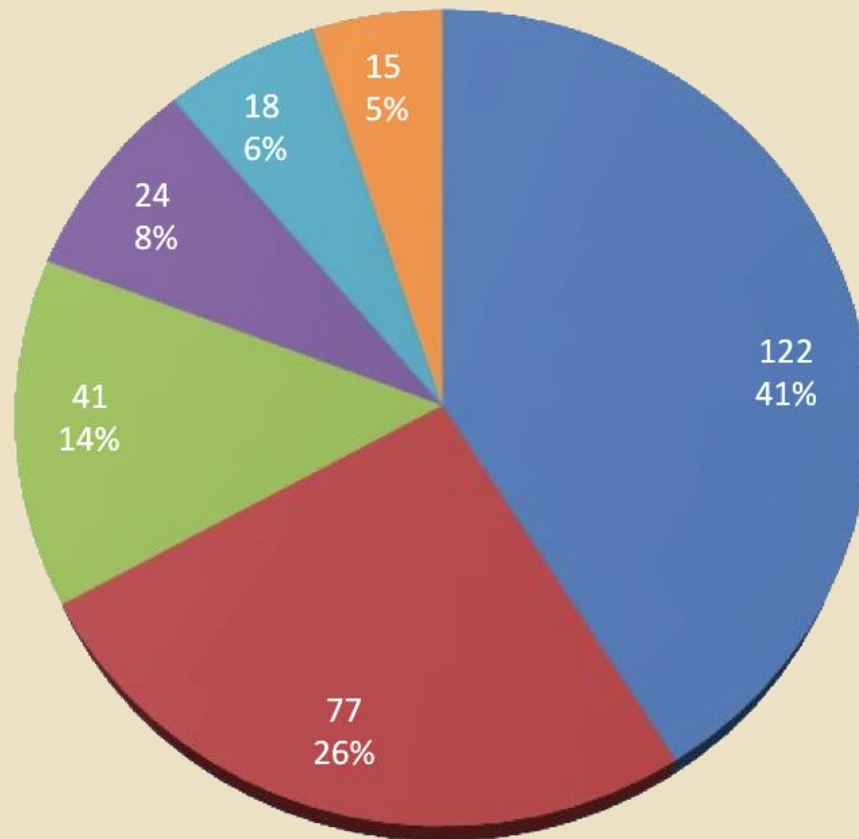


# Pilot Project Results

- 297 libraries pledged
- From 24 countries
- Collection cost reduced, from \$1680 to \$1195
- Per book/per library cost dropped, from \$60 to under \$43
- Since pledging closed over 100 libraries pre-registered for next round



# Global Library Sign Ups



United States (122)  
United Kingdom (77)  
Other\* (41)  
Australia (24)  
Germany (18)  
Canada (15)

\*Countries included in the Other category less than 5% each – with 7 sign ups: Netherlands; 5 sign ups: Denmark and Israel; 4 sign ups: New Zealand; 3 sign ups: Sweden; 2 sign ups: France, Spain and Switzerland; and 1 sign up per country: Austria, Belgium, China, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Latvia, Norway, Portugal, South Africa and Turkey.





# Licensing preferences

## Restrictive versions of CC:

- 24 CC-BY-NC-ND
- 3 CC-BY-NC
- 1 CC-BY-ND
  
- Publishers prefer NC to protect sales of other editions
- Authors prefer ND to protect integrity of work



# Usage

First stats on usage:

OAPEN Library, 24 books:

- Average downloads so far: 267
- Average downloads April: 135
- Average no. of countries: 49
- Estimated av. annual downloads 2000



# Additional Purchasing Options

PILOT COLLECTION

YOU ARE LOGGED IN AS:



## Knowledge Unlatched

WELCOME

TITLE LIST

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DOWNLOADS

CONTACT

REPORTING

PRE-REG REPORTING

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## MAKING YOUR PURCHASES COUNT

The purpose of Knowledge Unlatched is to help libraries to shift budgets from supporting closed content towards supporting the publication of Open Access books.

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Your invoice will be adjusted to reflect the purchases of titles included in the Knowledge Unlatched Pilot Collection via other routes.

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# Hosting, Preservation, Metadata

- Hosting: OAPEN, HathiTrust, British Library
- Preservation: Portico, CLOCKSS
- Metadata: various formats incl. MARC21, enhanced by Duke UL
- Discovery: WorldCat, Summon + (through OAPEN) Primo Central, Ebsco Europeana, BASE



# Governance (2014)

- Library Steering Committee
- Library Collection Committee
- Publisher/Library Forum
- C.I.C. Board of Directors
- Advisory Board



# Knowledge Unlatched overview

- An OA model for books
- Library funded
- Reduces purchasing costs
- Works for commercial and non-commercial publishers
- Works for conventional and OA book publishers
- A model and a consortium – not a platform



# Benefits

- A new road to OA for books and HSS, alternative for 'author pay'
- Improved discovery and global use
- Transition to OA using existing channels and expenditures
- Lowering cost for libraries at minimal risk to publishers



# Challenges

- Will the KU model be able to achieve sufficient scale?
- Scale is needed:
  - to move beyond the English (UK/USA) market
  - to enable diversity and accommodate smaller markets and specialized subject areas





# Next Steps: 2014/15

- Review of results + metrics study
- Expand the offering in new cycle (2014):
  - more books, more publishers (signing up now!)
  - more selection options (smaller and single subject packages)
- Recruit more libraries to lower costs further (signing up now!)
- Work with consortia



# Questions?

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