



OpenBook
Collective

Open Book Collective:

*A Collective Path Toward an Open
and Sustainable Monograph Future*

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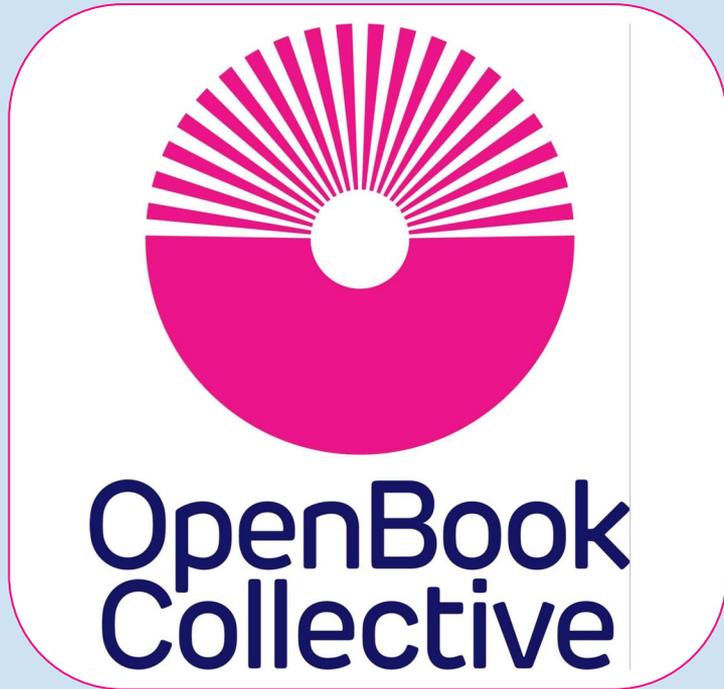


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Meeting

December 12, 2023
JW Marriott Hotel, Washington,
DC

COLLECTIVE, CONNECTED, SUSTAINABLE



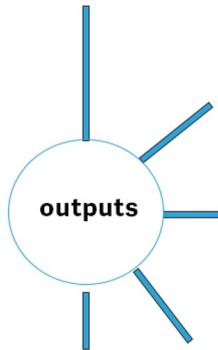
To successfully create a new path toward an open and sustainable monograph future, especially in the humanities and social sciences—and particularly for the long tail of small, nonprofit, and under-funded scholar-led publishers—the global community of publishers, infrastructure providers, and libraries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

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Building community-owned infrastructures to support open access books

2019–2023

2023–2026



+ Thoth Archiving Network



+ OBC Community Governance

Experimental
Publishing
Group

Awarded £5.8 Million

Open Book Futures
A copim community project



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

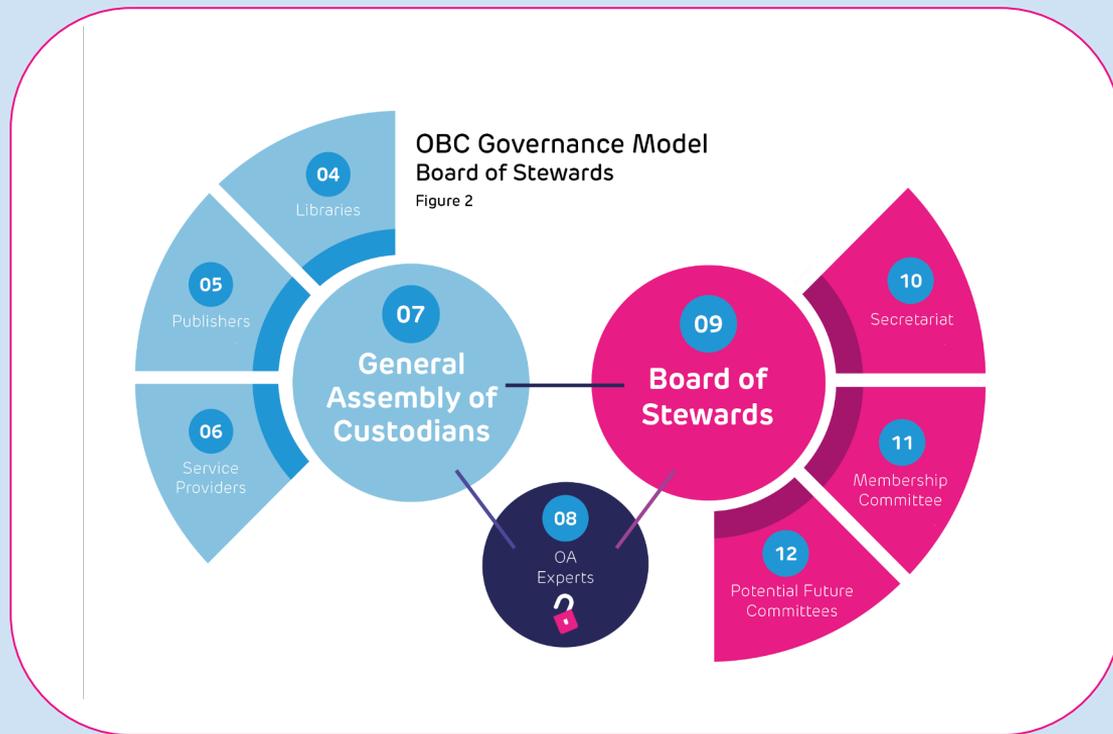
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Community-led

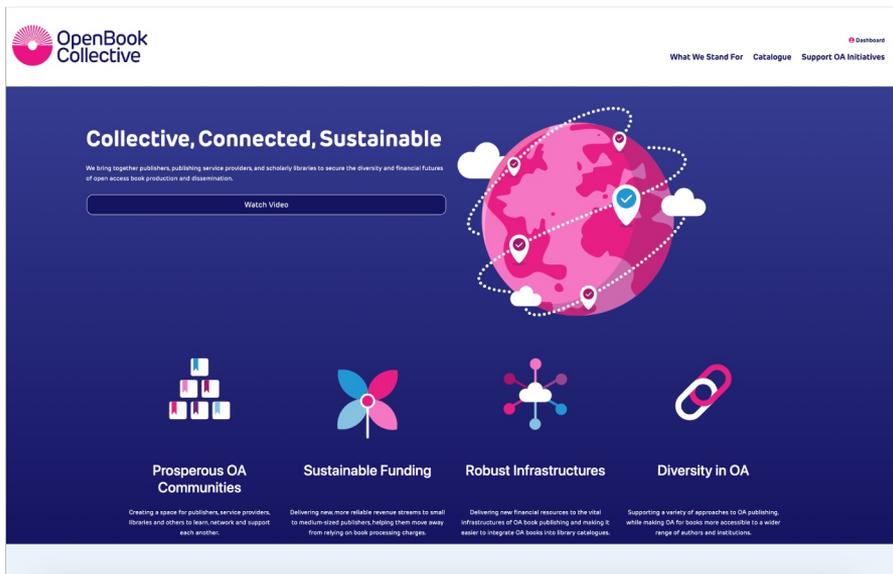
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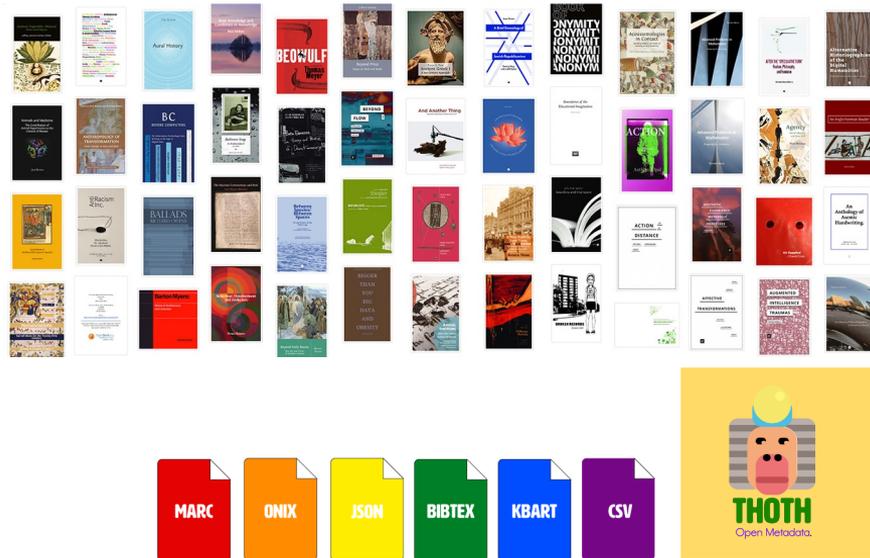
Open Book Collective: Community-led Governance Model for OA Monographs



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.



Screenshot of the OBC's online platform



OBC's shared catalogue supported by Thoth

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 cost-effective 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.

How does it work?



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



Open 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

Grant giving
pilot, via
Collective
Development
Fund, to build
publishing
capacity

Platform
enhancements
+ new OBC Info
Hub



Call For Applications: 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

Application deadline: 15th December 2023



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



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



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