OAPEN – general information

OAPEN Foundation

The OAPEN Foundation is a not-for-profit entity based in the Netherlands, with its registered office at the National Library in The Hague.

OAPEN is dedicated to Open Access, peer reviewed books. OAPEN operates two platforms, the OAPEN Library (www.oapen.org), a central repository for hosting and disseminating OA books, and the Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB, www.doabooks.org), a discovery service for OA books.
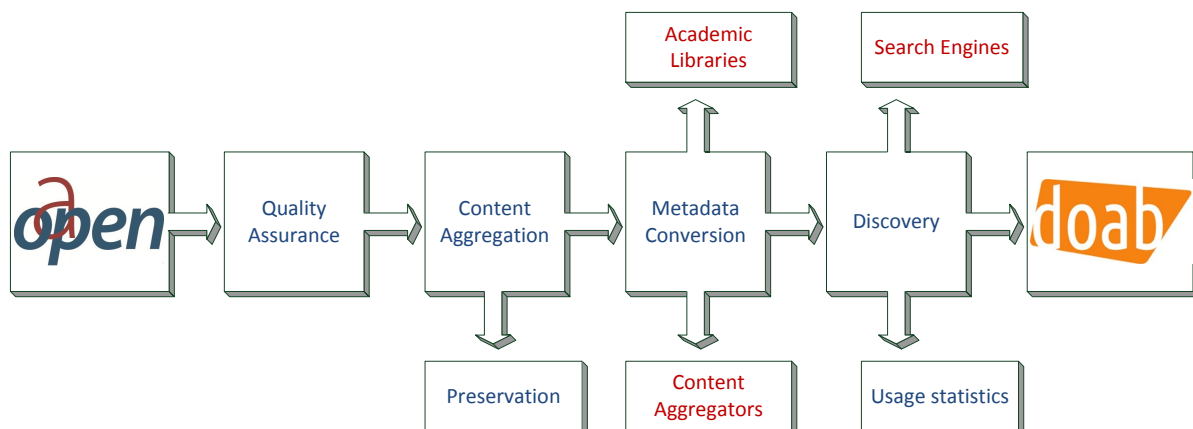
We work with publishers to build a quality controlled collection of Open Access books, and provide services for publishers, libraries and research funders in the areas of dissemination, quality assurance and digital preservation.

OAPEN Library

The OAPEN Library hosts a quality controlled collection of Open Access monographs, predominantly in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The collection currently consists of over 2400 publications from 85 publishers in 16 countries. In May this year, the library passed the milestone of 2 million downloads since we started reporting COUNTER compliant usage statistics (August 2013).

The central process and connected services

Below is a diagram of the central process for the deposit service, in which the main elements are brought together.

The elements in the diagram represent various connected services:

Quality assurance
- OAPEN reviews publishers to ensure all Publications are peer reviewed according to academic standards.
- OAPEN publishes peer review procedures on the OAPEN website.
- OAPEN is a member of OASPA and works closely with OASPA to develop requirements and standards for academic books.

Aggregation of Publications
- OAPEN provides various means to aggregate publications, either through OAI harvesting, bulk upload using its FTP-service, or through a web based manual uploading system.
- OAPEN can accommodate uploading through third parties (Ingram/CoreSource, Code Mantra).

Digital preservation
- The OAPEN Library makes use of the repository infrastructure provided by the University of Amsterdam to ensure a stable, standardized hosting environment for the OAPEN collection.
- OAPEN collaborates with the National Library of the Netherlands e-Depot to secure long-term preservation of all publications in the OAPEN Library. In addition, OAPEN has selected a second partner for digital preservation (CLOCKSS, in preparation).

Dissemination
- OAPEN provides daily metadata feeds in various formats (ONIX 2.1 and 3.0, MARC XML, CSV, MARC 21 in preparation) for libraries and their service providers.
- OAPEN works with the main library suppliers, such as ProQuest (Serial Solutions), ExLibris (Primo Central) and Ebsco discovery service. The Publications are integrated in WorldCat (OCLC) and BASE; OAPEN acts as aggregator for Europeana.
- Libraries and aggregators can also harvest the metadata using the OAI harvesting protocol. OAPEN.org is optimized for search engines (using *site map* and *schema.org* for books).

Metadata / support
- OAPEN supports persistent identifiers for documents (DOI), authors (ORCID) and funders (OpenAIRE compliancy in preparation).
- OAPEN provides services to assist with uploading and enhancing metadata and documents and conversion of classification schemes (BIC and Library of Congress).

Reporting
- OAPEN provides regular reports about publications, including COUNTER compliant usage statistics (in collaboration with IRUS-UK).

Discovery
- In addition to the OAPEN Library, OAPEN also provides a dedicated discovery service for Open Access books: the Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB). DOAB contains the metadata of Open Access books, uploaded by publishers. Books in the OAPEN Library are automatically listed in DOAB, provided they have an open content license (such as a CC license).

OAPEN Deposit service

The OAPEN Deposit service is an additional service introduced in 2014, dedicated to support OA policies of Research funders and practitioners (research institutions, universities and their libraries). The Deposit service provides an institutional uploading service for researchers and publishers and includes enhanced usage reporting, grant reporting and compliance monitoring. The Deposit service is paid for by research funders and universities and is free for researchers and publishers

Service levels and fees for publishers

OAPEN distinguishes between two service levels for publishers:

– Basic services: these are most of the services listed above. The annual fee for membership is €150.
– Optional services: these services include metadata upgrading (DOI's, ORCID support, Grant information), enhanced usage statistics, uploading support. The fee depends on which services are required and is based on the volume of frontlist and backlist titles.

Joining OAPEN

Publishers can join OAPEN if they publish peer reviewed Open Access or free- to-read books. OAPEN requires publishers to provide a description of their peer review procedure and reviews the procedure to make sure it conforms to academic standards. OAPEN makes the description available on its website.

Publishers need to sign an agreement with OAPEN and are required to upload the metadata of books in a specific format. OAPEN provides support for uploading.

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