

Directory of Open Access Books – it is not only about indexing

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OAPEN Foundation: our platforms

OAPEN promotes and supports the transition to open access for academic books by providing open infrastructure services to stakeholders in scholarly communication.

OAPEN Library (2010)

- Hosts, distributes, and preserves 31,000+ peer-reviewed open access (OA) books
- Full-text available to download for free

Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) (2013)

- Free, searchable global index of 80,000+ peer-reviewed OA books
- All services free to use and all data freely available

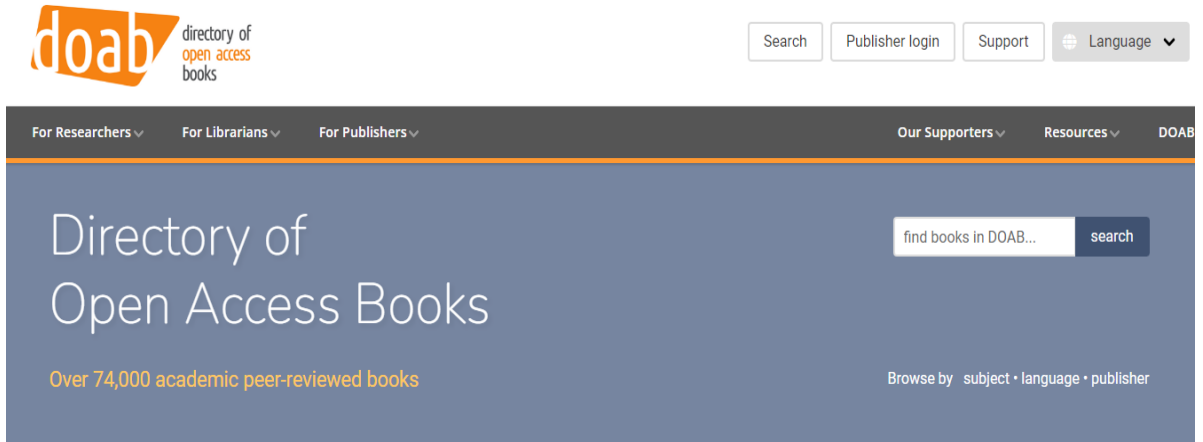
OAPEN OA Books Toolkit (2020)

- Free resource offering articles on many topics about OA book publishing

Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB)

DOAB is a community-driven discovery service that indexes and provides access to scholarly, peer-reviewed open access books and helps users to find trusted open access book publishers.

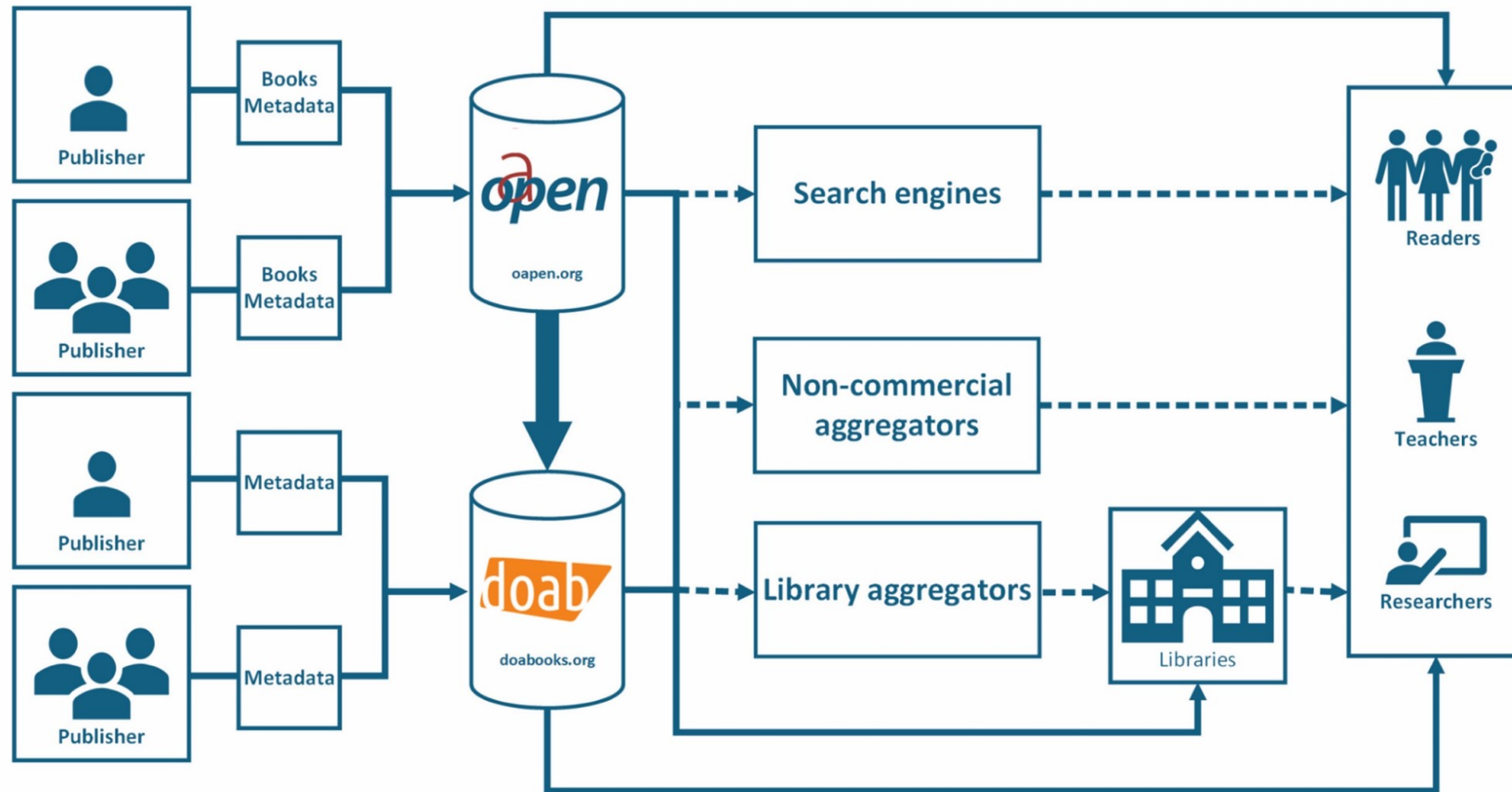
- Includes 80,000+ indexed peer-reviewed OA books, free for users worldwide
- Includes content from 725+ OA book publishers
- 85+ languages
- Built on DSpace 6.0
- CERN is directly hosting DOAB and OAPEN Library in its Data Center
- All metadata is freely available (CC0) in various formats: ONIX3, MARCXML, CSV, RIS, KBART.
- Thema classification



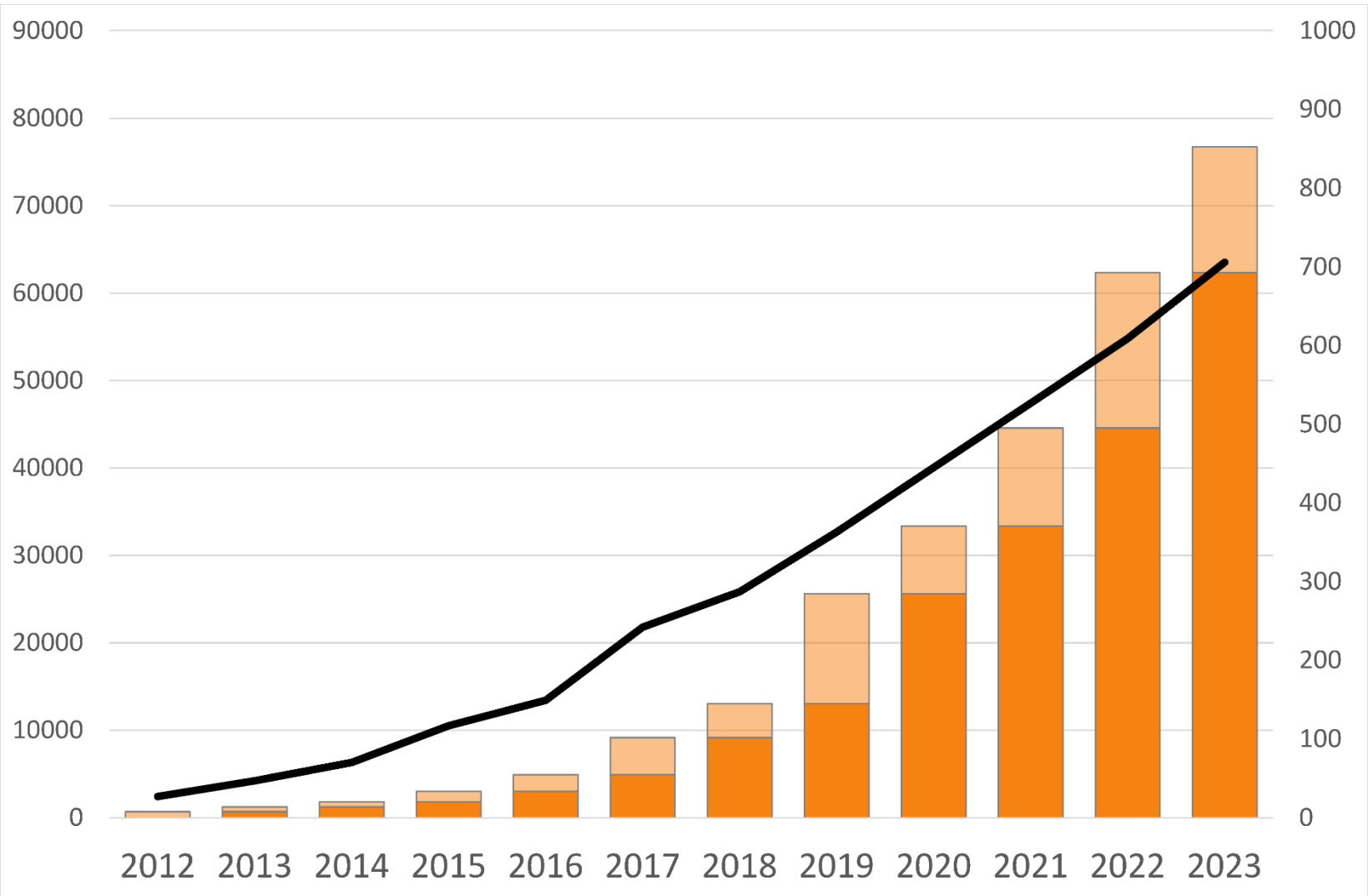
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Infrastructure



Number of titles & publishers in DOAB



How to join DOAB - publishers

- It's free to participate in DOAB
- Publishers must, at a minimum, meet these two requirements:
 - publish books under an open license (e.g., a Creative Commons license)
 - ensure books have undergone independent and external peer review prior to publication
- If you meet the above two requirements, complete the [application form](#)
- Applications reviews can take up to 4 months and publishers are informed of the outcome (accepted, rejected, further information required) after the first evaluation



DOAB publisher application form

This form is for publishers who want their publications to be listed in DOAB. We will use the information you provide here to consider if this publisher is eligible for DOAB membership. If the requirements are met, the information you provide here will be displayed on the DOAB website.

Please complete all fields (in English).

DOAB aims to develop an authoritative list of open access (OA) book publishers and we recommend that you follow [OASPA's membership guidelines](#) to ensure high standards of OA book publishing.

We recommend that you consider these guidelines when describing your publishing practices.

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* Indicates required question

PRISM

- Peer Review Information Service for Monographs ([PRISM](#))
- A standardised way for academic publishers to display information about their peer review processes across their entire catalogue
- Visible at publisher level and individual title level
- Provides transparency and helps build trust in OA book publishing
- PRISM widget allows publishers to display PRISM information about their works on their website
- Part of the [OPERAS Service Catalogue](#)



DOAB Trusted Platform Network

DOAB collaborates with several trusted platforms to enhance the discoverability of open access books and create a more seamless process for publishers to list their open access books in DOAB.

The following platforms are part of the DOAB Trusted Platform Network:

- [OAPEN Library](#)
- [OpenEdition](#)
- [Project MUSE](#)
- [SciELO Books](#)
- [JSTOR](#)
- [African Platform for Open Scholarship \(APOS\)](#)
- [Fulcrum](#)
- [Thoth Open Metadata](#)

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- Openly available book metadata as opposed to book metadata created and licensed for commercial use is essential for the free flow of book data across infrastructure.
- Libraries can justify their investment.
- Funders can monitor the impact of their open access book policies.
- Publishers can show their authors that they are being read and cited.
- New open access presses can establish credibility via the reputation of their books and authors.
- While listed at \$0 tag price open access books can be easily ingested into aggregator platforms.
- Authors can find trusted publishers [Books & Chapters • Think. Check. Submit. \(thinkchecksubmit.org\)](#).

THANK YOU

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