

New systems for Open Access books: an innovative platform from COPIM.

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What is COPIM?

Community-led Open Publication Infrastructures for Monographs

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[@COPIMproject](https://twitter.com/COPIMproject)
copim.pubpub.org

- To investigate, build and maintain the infrastructures required to promote, sustain and distribute open access academic book publishing.
- An international collaboration bringing together a range of researchers, universities, librarians, OA book publishers and infrastructure providers
- 3 year project initially (November 2019 – October 2022), extension expected until April 2023
- Funded by Research England (£2.2M [\$2.7M]), Arcadia (£800K [\$990K]), and from consortium partners (£576K [\$712K])

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LIBRARY

doab
directory of
open access
books

ScholarLed

BRITISH
LIBRARY

MATTERING PRESS

Loughborough
University

dpcc
Digital Preservation Coalition

Birkbeck
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Coventry
University

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OpenBook
Publishers

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OPEN HUMANITIES PRESS

Jisc

Work Packages

- WP1: Project Management & Outreach

WP2: Revenue
Infrastructures and
Management
Platform

WP3: Knowledge
Exchange and
Piloting Alternative
Business Models

WP4: Community
Governance

WP5: Building an
Open
Dissemination
System

WP6: Experimental
Publishing, Re-use,
and Impact

WP7: Archiving
and Digital
Preservation

Issues addressed

- Open Access publishing becoming more popular in journals (esp. sciences), but OA for books lags severely behind
- Major publishers have established workflows for getting books into university libraries. It can be hard for small OA publishers to access library funding schemes
- COPIM has held workshops and interviews with university librarians regarding the problems of access and making OA books available
- OA books often lack specific systems for discovery and dissemination
- Metadata can be poorly integrated and hard to find
- OA books are not effectively accessed by institutions, and libraries find it hard and time-consuming to assess which initiatives to support

What is needed?

A collective that values collaboration and co-operation over competition and genuinely open publishing models

A scalable model and platform

A mutually supportive network for the OA community

The Open Book Collective

- Setting up a new organization to address these issues and to provide sustainable forms of financial support to diverse OA publishers and infrastructure providers
- An organization whose mission is XXXX
- Likely to be founded in the UK as a registered charity
- Aims to be financially self-sustaining after the end of the COPIM project
- Partners likely to include Jisc, LYRISIS
- Key to this endeavour will be the OBC platform

The OBC Revenue Management Platform

Aims: to maximize the distribution of OA academic books and streamline the workflows that make them available in libraries, whilst building sustainable publishing models that keep education open for the future.

How?

- Make it easier for organizations, including scholarly libraries, to support open access.
- Make it easier to:
 - Understand and compare different initiatives, to discover and explore the range of OA content available
 - Understand how different initiatives align with the values and needs of different institutions
 - Subscribe to any membership programs they offer.
- Metadata integration through [Thoth](#)
- Open Book Collective will provide support to publishers and other initiatives looking to work collectively (e.g. ScholarLed)

Stakeholders

Authors

Librarians

OA publishers

**copim Open Book
Collective**

Consortiums

**OA infrastructure
providers**

Researchers

Universities

We offer:

A user-friendly, integrated platform to explore, discover, access and support OA monographs from a range of leading OA publishers and infrastructure providers via high-quality integrated metadata and fully searchable catalogues.

It offers a choice of flexible subscription packages, through which patrons can participate in the governance and maintenance of the platform.

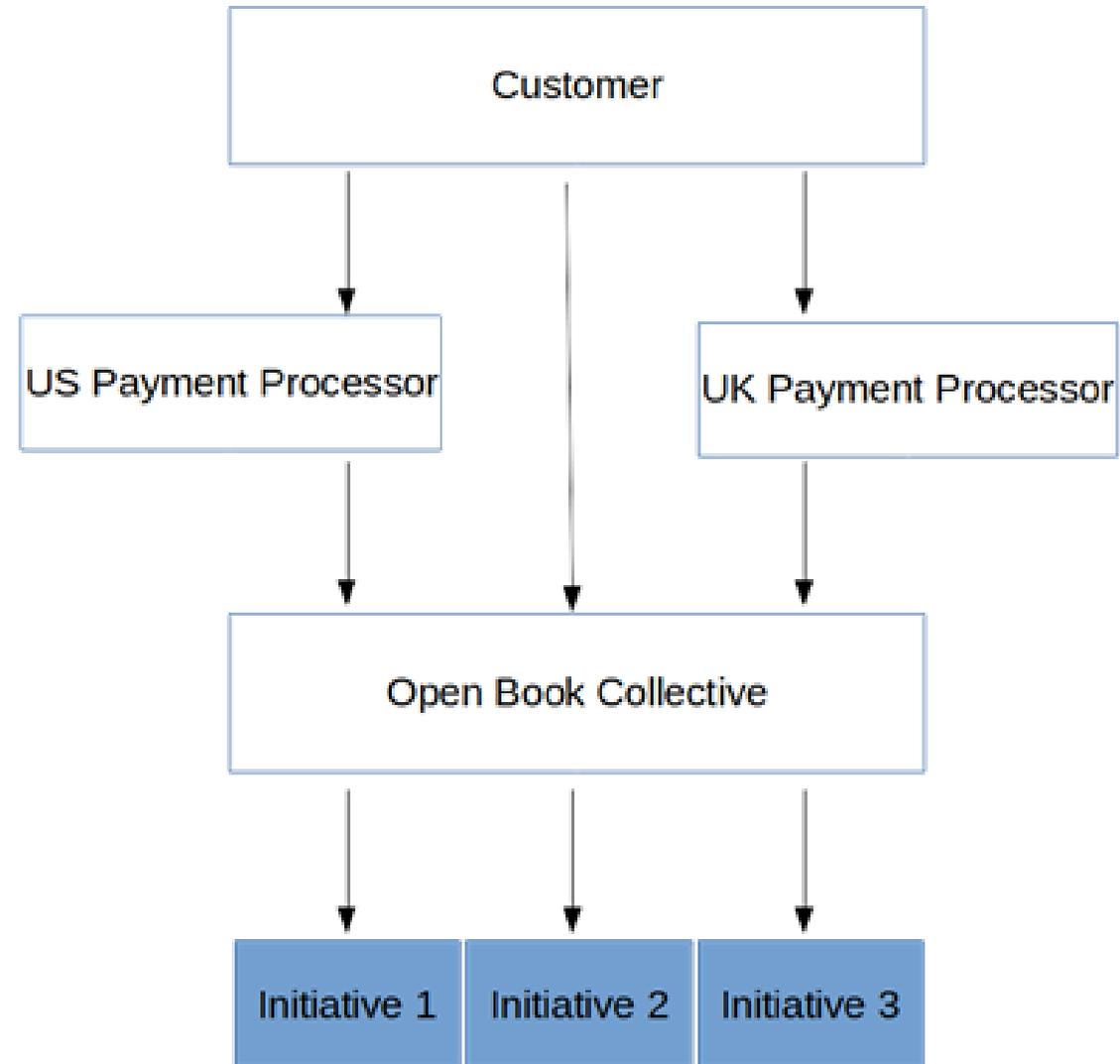
For OA publishers and infrastructure providers, space to display, promote, catalogue, organize and access library funding. Networking opportunities with librarians, institutions, and other end users, and customizable members' spaces.

Current design specs* include:

- Membership builder (for libraries to choose flexible subscription package)
- Functionality to sign up at different levels (and view/get price without buying)
- Library viewport (management dashboard at login)
- Initiative viewport
- [Thoth](#) integration

* This is a working document

Payment Flow



What Else We've Learned

The platform should be guaranteed as non-profit and to remain so

Should not be focused on individual titles but offer a range of flexible packages

Should be simple for librarians (& publishers?) to use

Would benefit from support from local and trusted partners

Should be collaboratively governed by a range of stakeholders scholars, librarians & publishers

See: <https://copim.pubpub.org/pub/sketching-a-direction-of-travel-an-update-from-wp-2/release/3>

Concentric & Cooperative Model (with a soft hierarchical component)

Governance

All stakeholder groups to be represented at Administrative Committee Level

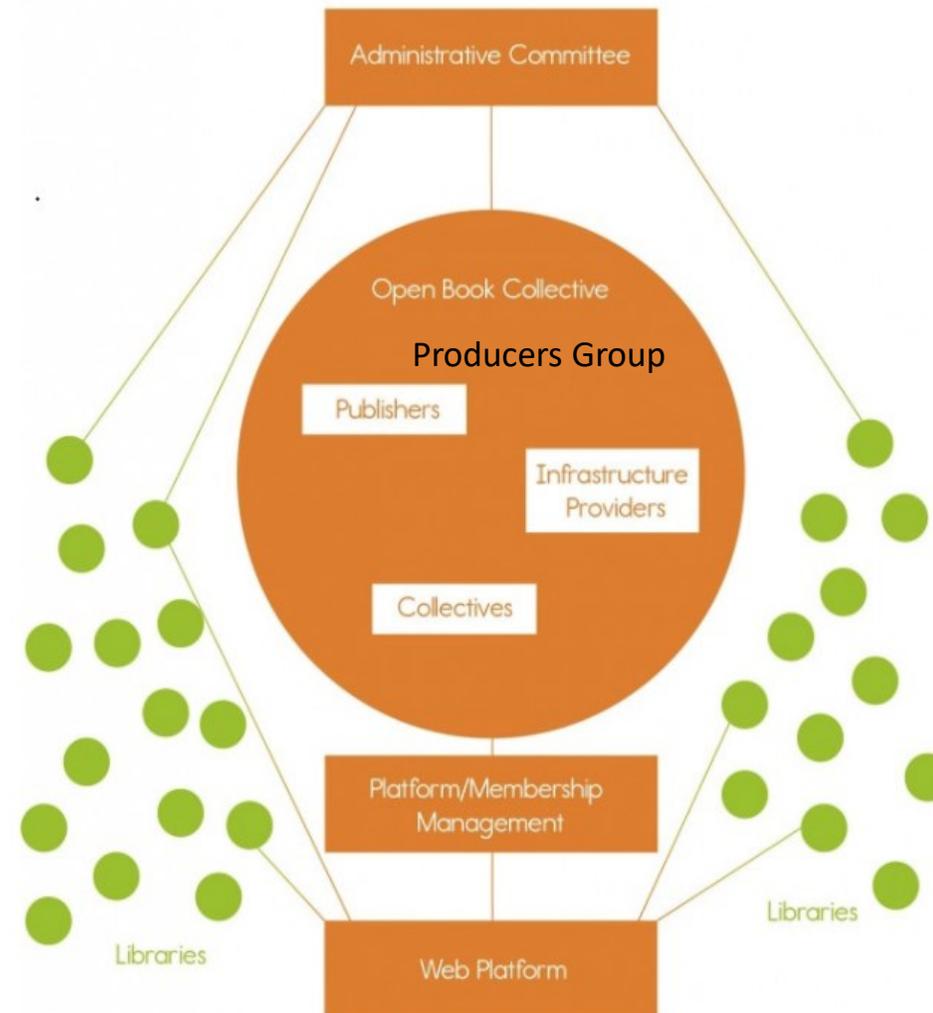


Diagram by Eileen Joy at Punctum Books

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