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Diamond Open Access Books and the Library

Some Thoughts

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Books, OA Books and Libraries

A View from Switzerland

Generous funding for books by [SNSF](#) (OA Gold and CC License is mandatory)

Reluctance to change on part of Swiss academic book publishers

OA Book infrastructure trailing behind development of OA Journals

Shrinking book budgets in libraries

(Diamond) OA Books and Libraries

Two main areas of impact

Finance

- Financing alternative funding models such as the OBC and Opening the Future
- Funding single OA Gold BPCs or BCPCs through institutional OA Funds

Infrastructure

- Offering institutional book publishing platforms such as Bern Open Publishing's [BOP Books](#)
- Repositories

Offering institutional publishing platforms

Considerations

- Commitment of resources
- Investment in know-how and skills
- Collaboration across campus and engagement in communities
- Issue of financing book-production
- Scholar-led
- Quality control (peer-review)
- Bibliodiversity
- Alternative publishing model
- Community driven
- CC Licenses

Financing Diamond OA book initiatives

Considerations

- Overview of new initiatives
- Incorporating memberships and community support into financing procedures
- Building collaboration and dialogue within the library to develop strategies and workflows
- Investment in curated and equitable Open Access solutions
- Possible fiscal advantages by spreading the cost of books
- Actively contributing to the development of the Diamond OA book landscape

Adjustments to the decision making process

What do we rely on?

Until recently...

Established publishers guarantee reliability and relevance of content e.g. with the prestige of their brand

Increasingly relevant

- Governance
- Transparency of pricing
- Funding initiative's vetting process behind offers

Thank you

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