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# Futures of Collective Funding

Scaling Small: Community-Owned Futures for Open Access Books

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# What are the key issues you expect OA monographs to confront in the coming years?

## What counts as OA?

- Funding Council definition - the spectre of the BPC
- Community-led definition - enthusiasm for this in AHSS

## What is a monograph?

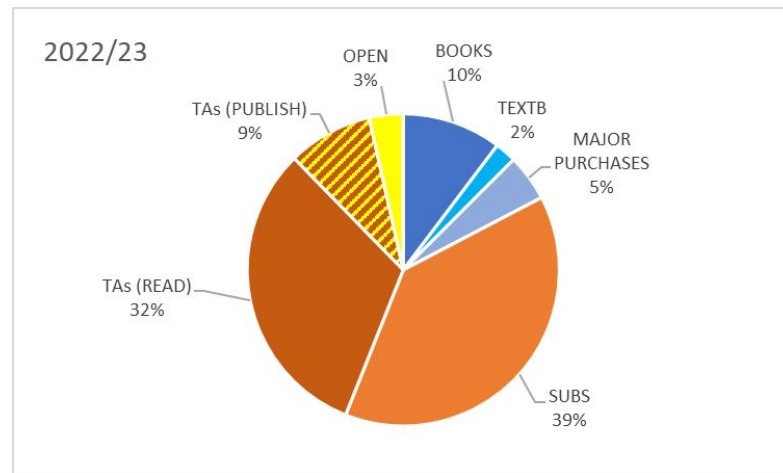
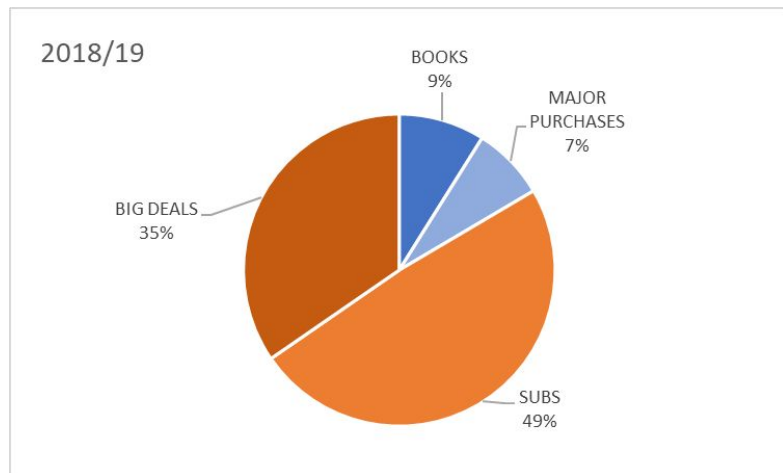
- Print analogues - how instructive is the experience with Journals
- Scholarly Monographs vs Trade Books vs Textbooks (OERs)

## Infrastructure

- Metadata & Discovery
- Digital Preservation - who is responsible?

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- Departmental allocations
- UKRI Block Grant
- Textbook spending
- Ebooks are more expensive
- Most TAs are not saving money
- Institutional Finance Regulations
- Teaching focused institutions

# What would a fairer and more equitable landscape for OA Books look like?

## Greater Diversity

- Geographic
- Demographic
- Ownership models

## Greater Transparency

- Editorial decision-making
- Operating Costs

## Less Commercialism

- What role is there for commercial publishers?

# How can sustainability in OA books and the models that seek to enable them be assured?

## Transformed Library Budgets

- Statement of Intent
- Rebalancing - cancellations, restricted one-off budgets
- Acquisitions Processes

## Infrastructure at Scale

- Clarity of models - with room for experimentation
- Community-ownership standards
- National commitments / funding?