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A brief saga about OA books*

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The beginning

2003

Scholarly book publishing

Museum Tusculanum Press (anno 1974)

Scholarly publisher at University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Humanities and Social Sciences

60 books annually, 10 journals

Published books in 23 languages

International distribution

Frankfurt Book Fair, 2005
Private photo

Printed books

Love/hate relationship

Lovely books, important for the author

Declining sales

Storage challenges

Much research goes into the monograph – needs to be disseminated wide and far

E-books

Pioneering academic e-books for sale did not solve our challgenges

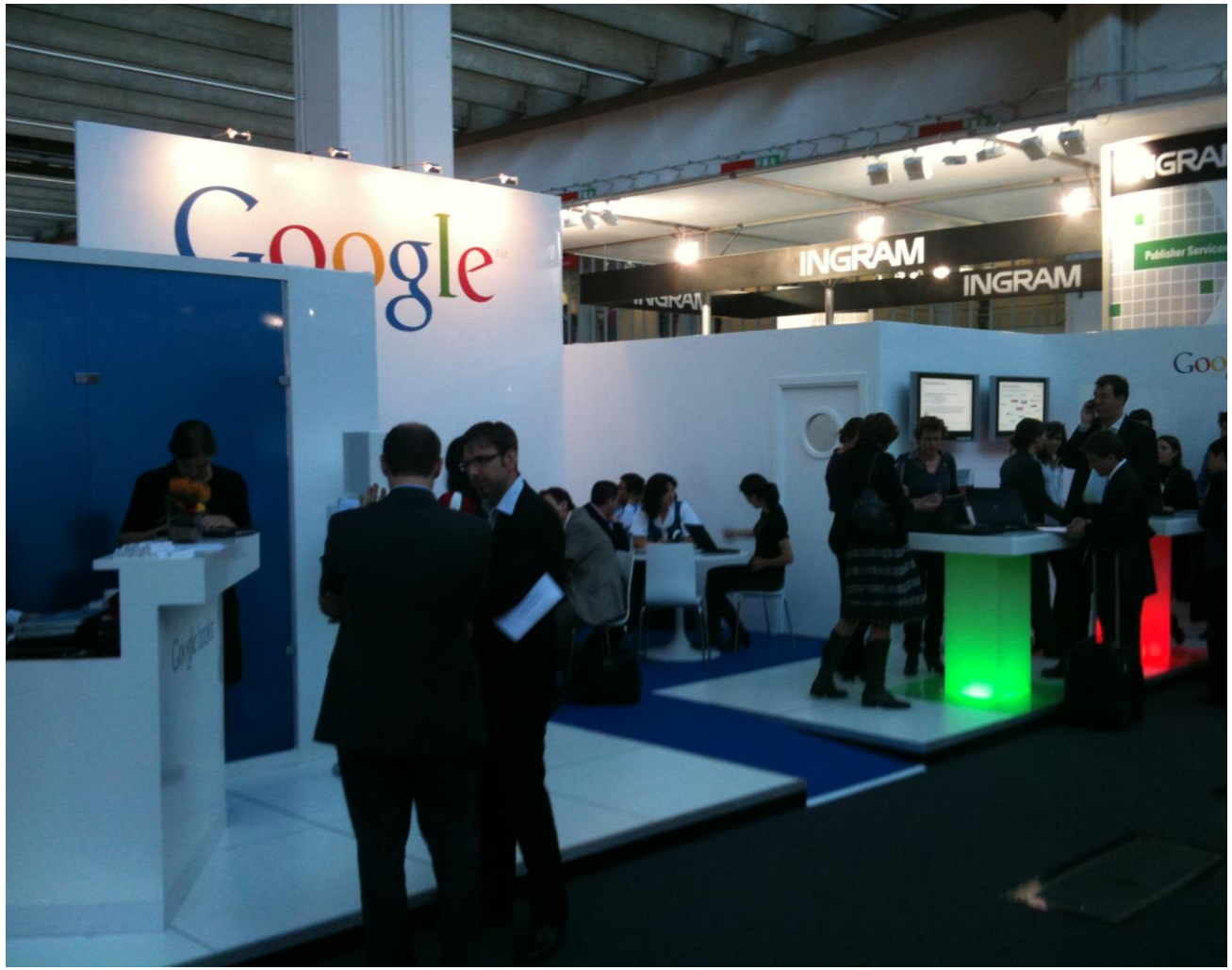
Selling books on campus, 2007
Private photo

Google Books

Opening up 20% of our 1,000+ books

Increasing visibility and discoverability

Significant usage increase



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Open Access books

Six European university presses (Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Firenze, Göttingen, Manchester and Lyon)

➔ EU co-funded OAPEN project 2008-2010

➔ Launch of the OAPEN Library in 2010

OAPEN turned into a non-profit Dutch foundation

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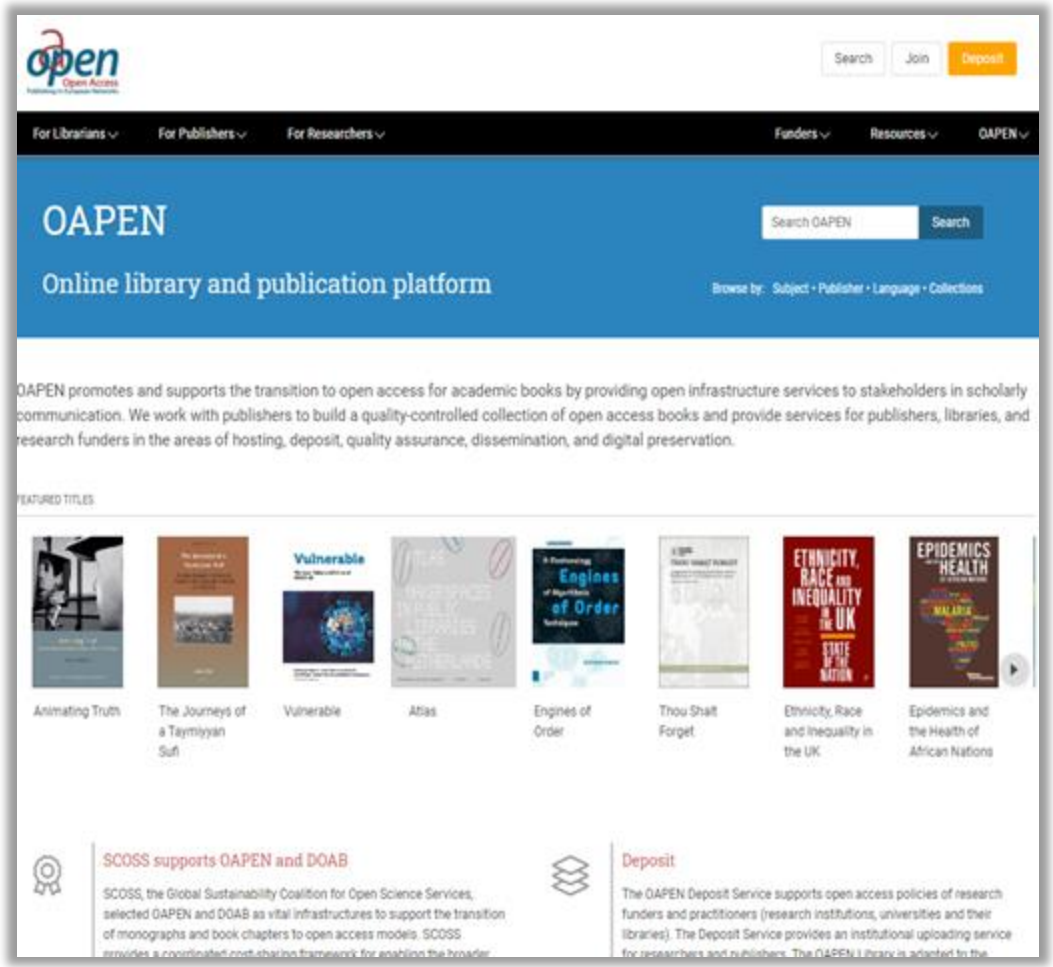
Today

2022



Easy integration with library catalogues

- ✓ Metadata feeds in MARCXML, CSV, RIS, ONIX, KBART
- ✓ OAI-PMH Harvesting
- ✓ REST API
- ✓ RSS and Atom feeds

https://oapen.org

OAPEN Library

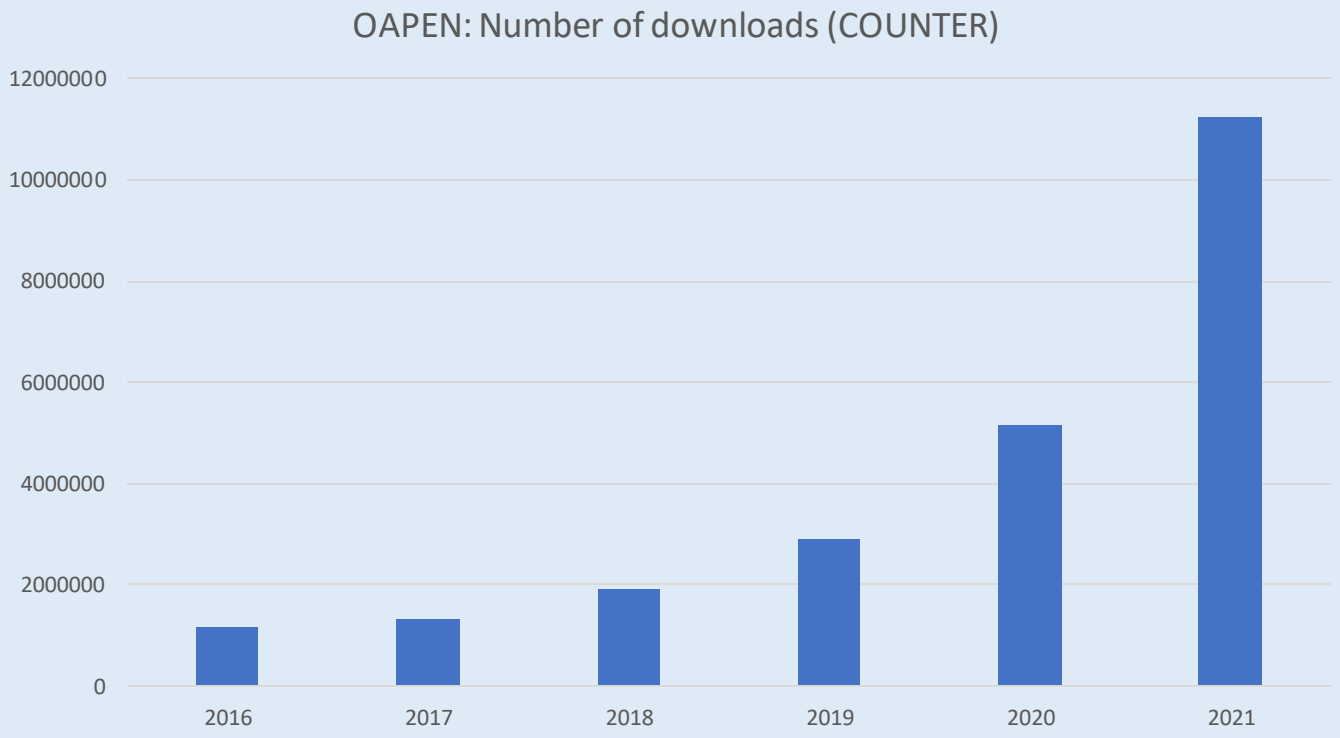
Launched in 2010

400+ publishers

20,000+ peer reviewed open access books (full text)

Hosting, distribution, and preservation

DSpace 6.0



Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB)

Launched in 2012

Global index of peer reviewed open access books

50,000+ OA books indexed

550+ OA book publishers

All metadata is freely available (CC0)

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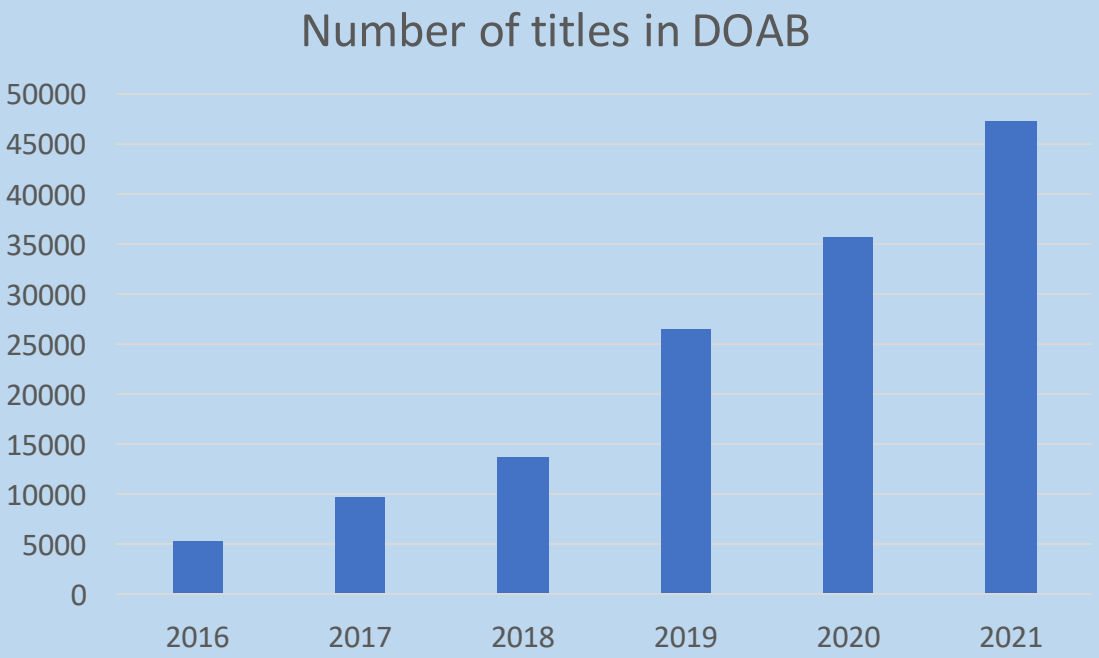

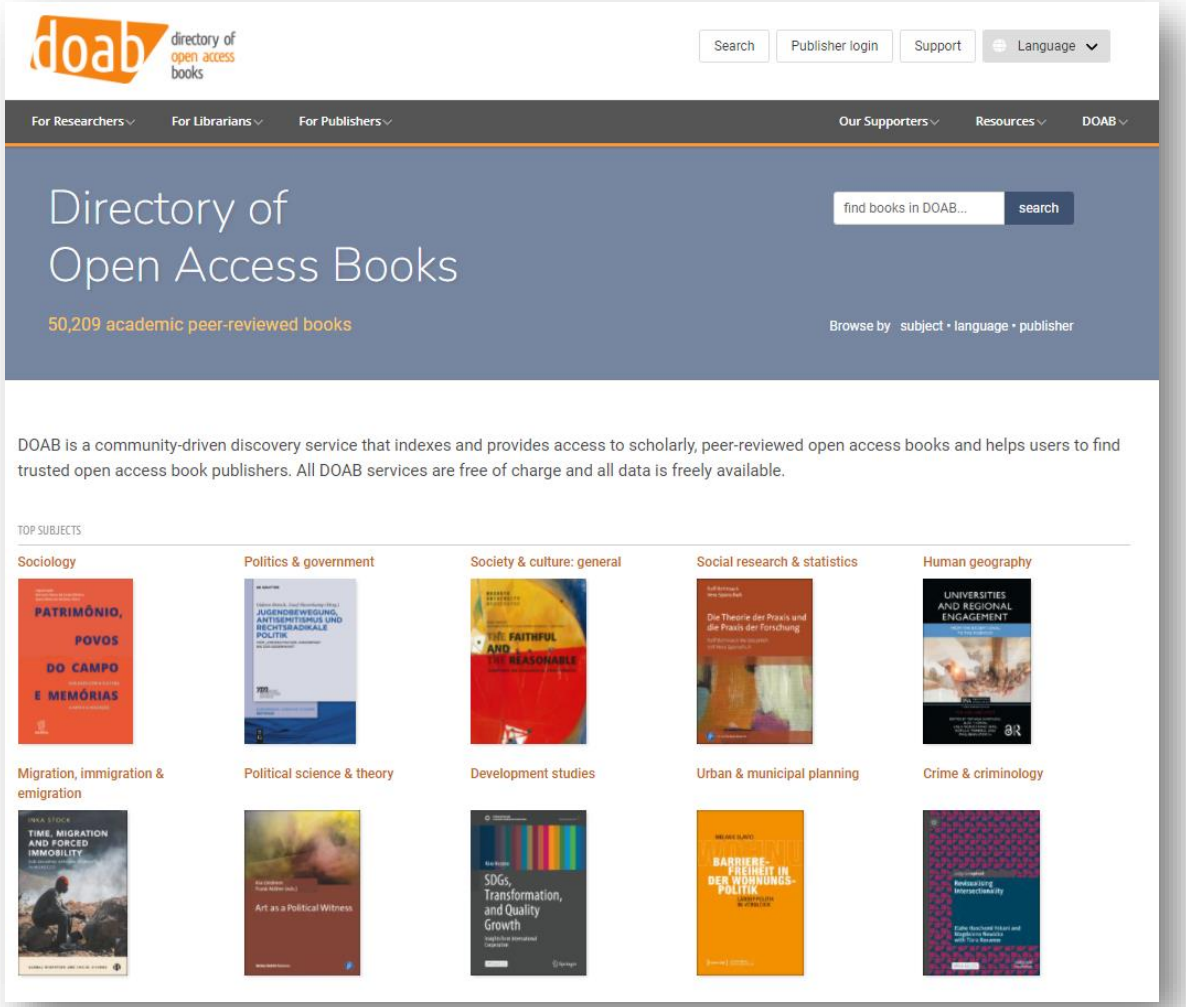

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DOAB Trusted Platform Network

The Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) serves as a central discovery service for open access books. 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.

Publishers who add their open access books to any of the platforms part of the DOAB Trusted Platform Network can request the platform to check and verify which of their open access books meet the DOAB criteria, and to automatically list verified books in DOAB thanks to this collaboration.

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

- OAPEN Library
- OpenEdition
- Project MUSE
- SciELO Books

Users will be able to recognise DOAB trusted platforms thanks to a special "DOAB Trusted Platform" icon. Through the DOAB Trusted Platform Network, DOAB and its partners aim to enhance discoverability, simplify metadata integration processes and increase trust in open access book platforms.

About the DOAB Trusted Platforms

About OAPEN Library

About OpenEdition

About Project MUSE

About SciELO Books

doab trusted platform

FOR PUBLISHERS

Join DOAB: requirements, application
PRISM: Peer Review Information Service for Monographs
Upload procedure, instructions
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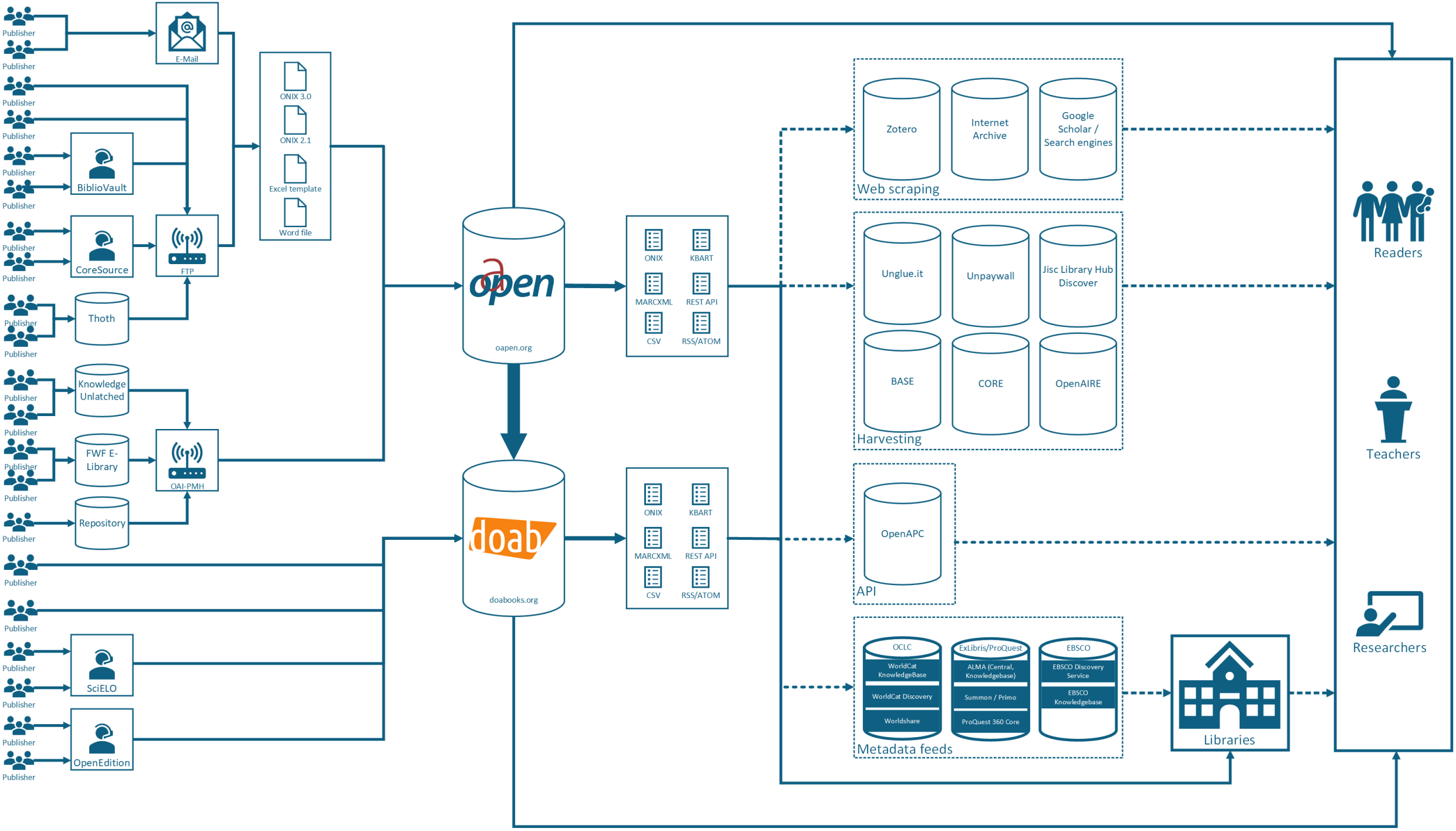
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Metadata feeds
Libraries
Readers
Teachers
Researchers

OAPEN OA Books Toolkit, launched autumn 2020

https://oabooks-toolkit.org

Community initiatives

The end of my presentation - not of the saga!

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Happy Anniversary!

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