Understanding Open Access Ebook Usage: Toward a Common Framework

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About the Project Charles Watkinson (U-M)



Alienation Effects Performance and Self-Management in Yugoslavia, 1945–91





- Winner: Association for Theatre in Higher Education 2017 Outstanding Book Award
- Unlatched by KU supporters in 2016
- Global interest in how dictators exert soft power through art and culture
- Interdisciplinary reach across East European history, performance studies, Jewish studies
- Promotion book for the author at Stanford



Alienation Effects: Performance and Self-Management in Yugoslavia, 1945-91 University of Michigan Press

Title usage data report from 2018-01 until 2018-09



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Usage by Country

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	Fiji	4	Uganda	5					

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Usage by Platform



Usage by Metric / Platform

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Objectives

"Understanding Open Access Ebook Usage: Toward a Common Framework" Project aims to . . .

- Create a structured conversation around usage tracking for open access ebooks
- Understand implementation challenges
- Define opportunities for collaboration
- Define a framework for moving forward
- Ultimately: Make a compelling case for investment in OA book publishing

Timeline

- Book Industry Study Group (BISG) collaborating with KU Research, universities of Michigan and North Texas, Educopia Institute
- Spring 2018: Andrew W. Mellon Foundation funds planning exercise
- Summer 2018 / Fall 2018: KU Research prepared a draft white paper providing landscape review and outlining data trust concept
- Fall 2018 / Winter 2019: Community consultation around white paper culminating in an invitation-only summit in New York (December 3-4)
- Spring 2019: BISG publishes final white paper including recommendations for next steps

NYC Summit

PLATFORMS JSTOR, Muse, EBSCO, ProQuest, Rakuten Kobo, OAPEN, SimplyE

LIBRARIES ARL, Columbia, North Texas, Michigan, UCL Draft White Paper METRICS COUNTER, CrossRef, IRUS, KU Open Analytics, HIRMEOS, Digital Science, BISG

PUBLISHERS AUPresses, California, MIT, Michigan, UNC

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Request for Comment

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Building a Trusted Framework for Coordinating OA Monograph Usage Data

Statement of authorship

Problem statement

Introduction

Opportunity

The monograph ecosystem makes a solution tractable and desirable

Diversity

http://bit.ly/monograph-data-trust

http://bit.ly/data-trust-survey

How does OA ebook usage data work today? Kevin Hawkins (UNT)

E-journals vs. ebooks

E-journals are usually delivered through the publisher's website.

Ebooks are usually delivered through website of intermediaries:

- Library providers: EBSCO, ProQuest, JSTOR, Project MUSE
- Direct-to-consumer retailers: Rakuten Kobo, Amazon Kindle, Google Play

Other sources of usage data

- Authors or their publishers sometimes make one or more versions of an ebook available online separate from the usual distribution channels. There might be usage data from:
 - author's personal website
 - o a self-service platform like Figshare, Academia.edu, or ResearchGate
 - an institutional repository
 - a digital library system
- The publisher might choose to distribute the work through channels specifically for OA content, such as the OAPEN Library, and if the work is openly licensed, third parties such as Unglue.it and the Internet Archive might distribute their own copies of the work.

How are ebooks used?

OA ebooks as part of the whole information supply chain Brian O'Leary (BISG)

Four questions to address

- What is a supply chain?
- What is an information supply chain?
- How do physical and digital supply chains differ?
- What implications do these differences present for OA ebooks?

What is a supply chain?

- Network organized to create, manage, and distribute a product
- Often represented by the steps taken to get a product to a consumer
- Meet demand with the most effective use of available resources
- Typically optimized for something
 - Cost (e.g., cheapest delivery)
 - Speed (e.g., fastest to market)
 - Value (e.g., protecting the quality of a good; exclusive access)
- Exchanges are typically financial (sales price, margin, etc.)

When price is a proxy for value

- Publishers set a price based on market understanding
- Investments (including author payments) are based on expected sales
- Distributors and retailers take a share of the sales price
- Risk is managed through operational agreements
 - \circ Royalties vs. advances
 - Returns

What is an information supply chain?

- Map of how information is created, managed, and reported (shared)
- Tied to business processes
- Includes both financial and operational data
- Ideally, one shared data model
- More typically, agreements on what information is shared and how
- Because it's "under the hood", can be complex

How do these supply chains differ?

- Physical supply chains are built around scarcity
 - Constraints on inputs
 - Desire to keep inventory low
 - Price as a way to align supply and demand
- Digital supply chains are not constrained by scarcity
- Challenge shifts from managing assets to managing (shared) data
- Traditional supply chains aren't built to readily share data beyond sales
- So, digital partners silo data, working to figure out what matters

Implications for OA ebooks

- Currently, no shared proxy for value
- Partner compensation can no longer be a function of price
 - No longer clear what's "fair"
 - Affects willingness to participate in the supply chain
- Burdens shift: Risk management options no longer apply
- Silos for analytic data challenge the development of effective OA models
- Need a value-based model that spans the supply chain

The concept of the data trust Katherine Skinner (Educopia)

What do we mean by a "data trust"

cooperative organization to address scholarly publisher, library, and related needs in the collection, validation, aggregation, normalization, and dissemination of usage data

Features of the data trust

- Repository of data about OA Books and their use
 - Framework for collecting, normalizing, aggregating, and maintaining
 - Well documented pathways and workflows for data access and use
- Organization with legal responsibility for data
 - Community/Member-governed entity
 - Multi-stakeholder empowerment
 - Oversight responsibility
- Standards-making (and keeping) responsibility
 - Fair/equitable access
 - Data ethics laboratory

Questions the data trust will resolve

How can information be collected? How can data be contributed? How can data be normalized? How can data be stored? How can data be curated and preserved?

How can information be shared and used? What are the terms of use (and are they different for different members)? Who can see which parts of the data? How can aggregated data be accessed and used? Who can build services on the data (and how)?

Thank You

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