



Knowledge Unlatched

Opening access
to scholarly books

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What is it?

- A non-for profit organization bringing together libraries worldwide
- Founded in UK but advisory board has several US members
- Focuses on providing OA humanities and social sciences monographs
- <http://www.knowledgeunlatched.org/>

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Business model:

*"Knowledge Unlatched seeks to demonstrate that **the combined global purchases of academic libraries is sufficient to cover the first copy costs of producing new books -- and thereby create a path to Open Access for this body of literature.**"*

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Business model:

- Libraries collaborate to pay traditional publishers to make a collection of titles open access
- A library agrees to pay a certain set fee for the package
- Fee based on publishers' combined estimated first copy costs
- If more libraries participate, the package fee is reduced for all

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Titles available through OAPEN Library

The screenshot shows the OAPEN Library website. At the top left is the OAPEN logo with the text "Open Access Publishing in European Networks". The navigation menu includes "Home", "Search", "About OAPEN", "Peer Review", and "Metadata". A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains "Browse the library" with options for "All", "Title", and "Author", and "Top subjects" including "Society and social sciences", "Humanities", "Economics, finance, business and management", "The arts", "Law", "Literature and literary studies", "Language", "Earth sciences, geography, environment, plannings", and "History". The middle column features a "Welcome to OAPEN" section, an "online library and publication platform" description, a "Search the library" box with a search button and a link to "advanced search options", and a "Tweets" section with two tweets. The right column displays "Featured titles" with book covers and titles such as "Ancrene Wisse", "Social Theory of Fear", "The Changing Political Economies of Small West European Countries", "Sich windende Wege: Ethnografie der Melo-Schnecke in Papua, Indonesien", and "Inter-aktualitet : L aningens semiotik og etik".

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Ancrene Wisse : From Pastoral Literature to Vernacular Spirituality
University of Wales Press

Social Theory of Fear
Palgrave Macmillan

The Changing Political Economies of Small West European Countries
Amsterdam University Press

Sich windende Wege: Ethnografie der Melo-Schnecke in Papua, Indonesien
Universit atsverlag G ttingen

Inter-aktualitet : L aningens semiotik og etik
University Press of Southern Denmark

Knowledge Unlatched--benefits

- Allows publishers to explore open access options at low risk
- Provides a viable model for OA monographs
- Allows libraries to show support for OA
- Increase global access to scholarship

Knowledge Unlatched--pilot

- 200 libraries worldwide needed to pledge \$1,680 “title fee” for a pilot collection of 28 books from 13 publishers
- Collection will be available on a CC-BY-NC or CC-BY-NC-ND license via OAPEN
- Unlatched books also published in other formats for fee (print books, “premium digital versions”)
- Pledging period ends January 31, 2014
- Invoices to pledging libraries in February 2014, minus “double-dipping” purchases self-reported

Knowledge Unlatched--publishers

- Amsterdam University Press
- Bloomsbury Academic
- Brill
- Cambridge University Press
- De Gruyter
- Duke University Press
- Edinburgh University Press
- Liverpool University Press
- Manchester University Press
- Purdue University Press
- Rutgers University Press
- Temple University Press
- University of Michigan Press

Knowledge Unlatched—sample titles

Literature

- **The Myth of Piers Plowman**
- **Verse and Transmutation**

Politics

- **Understanding the Global Energy Crisis**
- **Law, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Terrorism**

History

- **In Search of the Amazon**
- **Aging Gracefully in the Renaissance**

Media & Communications

- **Electronic Iran**
- **China's iGeneration**

Knowledge Unlatched—sustainability

- Results of pledging announced in February 2014
- Member libraries will form Library Steering Committee and Collection Committee
- Joint Library/Publisher forum on challenges of OA monograph publishing
- Scaling of self-report tools for libraries purchasing titles in various formats
- New collections, including single subject packages and single titles
- KU will apply 5% surcharge to cover their costs beginning in 2014