Knowledge Unlatched

You are invited to join a global initiative that places libraries at the centre of the shift to Open Access

Knowledge Unlatched is the first step in creating a sustainable route to Open Access (OA) for Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) books. A global community of libraries is combining the power of their book expenditures to secure OA for HSS monographs on a shared cost basis.

Why Now?
- HSS books remain locked behind a paywall as STM journals accelerate the pace to OA
- The ‘Author Pays’ model is unlikely to work for books since HSS grants are smaller and books much more expensive than journal articles
- No one model is the solution. KU brings librarians and publishers together to explore different models.

What Can Libraries Do?
- Libraries can support Round 2 for a maximum cost of $3,891, which is just under $50 per book, the amount needed for 300 libraries to ‘unlatch’ 78 books from 26 respected scholarly publishers. The cost per library declines with more than 300 libraries participating
- The Round 2 packages include 6 subject-based (Anthropology, History, Literature, Media & Communications, Politics) and 2 publisher-based packages (Duke and Michigan)
- The pledging period is open from 6 October 2015 and closes on 31 January 2016
- Publishers have agreed to recognise additional format purchases by participating libraries as a contribution towards the cost of unlatching the collection.

Current Partners
- Publishers:
  - LYRASIS and Informed Strategies in North America, Jisc Collections in the UK, Burgundy and founding libraries in Australia
  - Hosting and preservation on OAPEN and HathiTrust. Also preserved on CLOCKSS and Portico.

Accept Your Invitation

Take a leadership role in making books accessible and join KU now at: collections.knowledgeunlatched.org

What authors are saying about KU

“KU is an absolutely stellar program that has tangibly expanded the reach of “Understanding the Global Energy Crisis.” KU represents a timely, innovative, and altogether new forum to facilitate this dialogue!”
Eugene Coyle and Richard Simmons

“I do not believe I can publish my next book without insisting on an OA option: it’s the ethical thing for researchers to do, and it simply makes good business sense for authors in terms of distributing our work.”
Jennifer Fredette

“As a Professor, I find it important to make scholarly research accessible and visible.”
Cynthia Skenazi

Winner: IFLA/Brill Award for Open Access 2014 and Curtin University Award for Best Innovation in Education 2015

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