

The OA effect

How does open access affect the usage of scholarly books?

Open access books have

50% more citations

than non-OA books on average



Open access books have

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Open access books have

10x more online mentions

than non-OA books on average



What are the motivations behind the publishing and funding of OA books?

Visibility

“Readership was much bigger compared to our other traditional books.”

“I see open access as the future of scientific publishing.”

Wide reach

“For me this is so important to disseminate important policy information in low-resource countries. For me it has been a massive success.”

Audience

“It is really about bringing the content to people who shall be reading it.”

Ethics

“I work with issues that have to do with inequality, so for me publishing a book that wasn't OA on the impact of international development would be quite unethical.”

“If it is publicly-funded research (which it is in my case), then I think the public has the right to access these results without any boundaries.”

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