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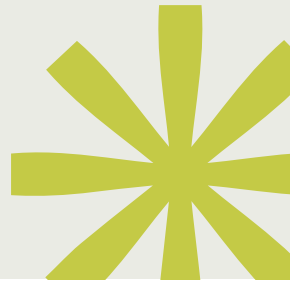
Boydell & Brewer Opening the Future 2026 Subject Collections

A Sustainable Partnership Model for Promoting Equitable Access

Boydell & Brewer is an independent academic publisher specializing in the humanities and social sciences. Founded over 55 years ago by academics, we have been proudly employee-owned since 2015.

We are excited to offer a cost-effective way for libraries to not only expand their subject collections but support opening access to new books through the international Opening the Future mechanism.

Designed with libraries in mind, our collections cover a range of disciplines drawn from our wide range of high-quality, peer-reviewed, often **award-winning** books.



Why choose Boydell & Brewer Opening the Future?

Opening the Future is a monograph subscription model that makes library funds go further through its collective membership scheme: achieving the dual objectives of enhancing collections while also supporting open access.

The Boydell & Brewer initiative is launched in partnership with Lyrasis and University of Michigan Library's Publishing division and its Fulcrum open source platform.

Members pay a small annual fee to get DRM-free, unlimited access to a closed selection of the well-regarded Boydell & Brewer backlist, with perpetual access after three years. The membership revenue is used only to produce new OA monographs, without forcing authors to find funding for book processing charges (BPCs). Opening the Future was shortlisted for an ALPSP Innovation in Publishing Award soon after launching in 2021.

DRM-Free Access: All content is DRM-free, ensuring ease of use for your library patrons.

Easy Integration: MARC and KBART files are delivered directly, or through OCLC, Ex Libris, and EBSCO integrated library systems.

Accessible Platform and Products: ePub as well as ePDF editions are offered through the born-accessible Fulcrum platform.

Explore our subject collections

Medieval History

Groundbreaking scholarship from Boydell Press and York Medieval Press - Boydell's partnership with the University of York's Centre for Medieval Studies.

The 30-book collection includes work from the following renowned series: Anglo-Saxon Studies, Gender in the Middle Ages, Political Culture in the Middle Ages, Royal Armouries Research Series, St Andrews Studies in Scottish History, Studies in Celtic History and Warfare in History.

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Medieval Literature

D.S. Brewer specializes in the medieval literature of England and France. The imprint was founded by Derek Brewer, a Chaucer specialist and Professor of English at the University of Cambridge, UK.

This 30-book collection includes titles from the following highly regarded series: Arthurian Studies, Gallica, Library of Medieval Women, Medievalism and Studies in Old Norse Literature.

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Music

Explore musicology and ethnomusicology from medieval to contemporary periods from Boydell Press and the University of Rochester Press.

The core of this 30-book collection is made up of titles from the renowned Eastman Studies in Music series. Other featured series include: Music in Britain, Music in Society and Culture, Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Music.

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Performing Arts

An in-depth look at the performing arts across the Hispanic, Lusophone, African, and Germanic world. Explore the films, theatre, and dance of the Hispanic and Lusophone worlds, Latin America, the African diaspora, and German-language films.

Series in this 30-book collection include: Rochester Studies in African History and the Diaspora, Screen Cultures: German Film and the Visual, Studies in German Literature, Linguistics and Culture, Monografías, Tamesis Studies in Popular and Digital Cultures.

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African Studies: Politics & Economics

Explore critical scholarship on African politics and economics from James Currey and the University of Rochester Press.

This 30-book collection includes titles from flagship series including: African Issues, Eastern Africa Series, Future Rural Africa, Rochester Studies in African History and Western Africa Series.

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Are you assessing OA book publishing initiatives?

Opening the Future helps you make informed decisions by checking all the boxes

- Works with existing acquisition infrastructure
- Supports democratic access to trusted knowledge
- Builds your library collection with perpetual access
- Benefits authors and institutions without dedicated OA funds
- Authors and institutions don't have to pay expensive BPCs
- Supports small independent mission-driven presses
- Sources and disseminates research openly and globally

Value For Money

A three-year commitment to receive perpetual, unlimited-use access to 30 quality backlist titles will be charged at a discounted price, and it simultaneously funds new OA books. With this program, library investment goes much further.

No catches and no hidden fees. No bait and switch.

Supporters won't be asked to pay more on top of their annual fee to access 'more' or 'better' titles. Access to titles won't suddenly change. We pledge to be upfront about our fees, which titles are included in the book packages (and will stay in there), and about any other benefits or services to libraries.

Table of fees

Library and institutional members are banded according to their size. Based on this, our annual membership fees are:

Band Description	2026	2027	2028
Associate's Colleges CRKN Bands 1-5	\$750 / £520	\$769 / £530	\$790 / £545
Baccalaureate/Master's Colleges & Universities CRKN Bands 6-9	\$990 / £685	\$1,015 / £700	\$1,040 / £720
Doctoral Universities CRKN Bands 10-13	\$1,350 / £935	\$1,385 / £955	\$1,420 / £980

Membership is for a minimum of three years. The slight rise of 2.5% in membership fees for 2026-2028 reflects rising inflation rates alongside rising production costs for publishers globally. The renewed fees allow Boydell & Brewer to continue to use membership revenue solely to produce new OA monographs, moving towards an affordable, sustainable model for the future of academic publishing. Shown in table are annual fees in USD (US Dollars, \$) / GBP (Pound Sterling, £), excluding VAT.

How to Order

To place an order, or find out more about the process, please contact
Lyrasis CSCI Services on: membersupport@lyrasis.org

Other resources, including a full list of FAQs can be found here:
boydellandbrewer.com/otf and fulcrum.org/boydellandbrewer

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