



## Publisher Guide to Thoth Plus Package B

*Enhance your reach through comprehensive distribution and robust archiving solutions*

**Welcome** and thank you for joining us as a Thoth Plus member. With Package B, Thoth will provide you with distribution services focused on curated metadata delivery, archiving and preservation solutions, and extended support and training. Let Thoth help you get your published open access books out there.

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### Platforms included in Package B

Our enhanced Package B covers automated distribution of publisher content and metadata to the following platforms (*links will jump to relevant section of the document*):

- **DOI registration** via [Crossref](#)
- **Content & metadata distribution** to:
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- **Archiving solutions** with the [Thoth Open Archiving Network](#)

Submission to the platforms offered in Package B is contingent upon specific platform criteria. Information about each platform and specific requirements are outlined below. We will follow up with you by email about getting started with each respective platform.

## Pricing

Package B incurs a per-book fee of £125.00 (discounted per-book fee of £62.50).

Thanks to the [Open Book Futures](#) project funding provided by [Research England](#) and [Arcadia](#), we are able to offer a 50% discount on all fees through to April 2026, with the discounted sign-up period ending December 31, 2024.

## DOI registration

### Crossref Sponsorship with Thoth

[CrossRef](#) is a [DOI](#) registration agency, which makes research objects easy to find, cite, link, access and reuse. They are a not-for-profit membership organisation that exists to make scholarly communications better. Organisations need to be members of Crossref to create metadata records that identify, describe, and locate their work. Membership is open to organisations that produce professional and scholarly materials and content.

Thoth's Crossref Sponsorship, integrated within Thoth Plus, provides significant benefits to individual publishers seeking Crossref membership. Publishers can sign up for Crossref membership directly via Thoth, with waived annual membership fees and per-DOI costs covered by Thoth. For more information on Crossref sponsorship, see the information provided on [Thoth's website](#) and Crossref's [Working with a Sponsor](#) page.

As part of Thoth Plus's features, automated DOI registration ensures that all changes to metadata in Thoth are automatically deposited in Crossref, alleviating the administrative burden associated with registering DOIs. Thoth's commitment to facilitating connections with distributors and promoting infrastructure independence ensures that publishers can efficiently manage their DOI registrations, for both **books and chapters**.

Sponsored members can also sign up to Crossref's additional services such as Crossmark and [Similarity Check](#) through Thoth.

Whether you are to become a new Crossref member, have an existing Crossref membership, or are already sponsored by another organisation, Thoth will help you get set up or transfer your account to Thoth sponsorship.

### **Becoming a Crossref sponsored member**

Each new member that Thoth sponsors will need to fill out a custom application form to apply to become a member of Crossref, or to transfer their current membership. We will be providing you with a bespoke link via email, and this will need to be used so that Crossref can directly link your application to Thoth's sponsorship.

The form asks publishers to provide details of their publications, supply their contact information, and confirm whether they have an existing DOI prefix. Once your user information and DOI prefix is set up with Crossref, we'll notify you and can then get started with registering content on your behalf.

If you're already a direct Crossref Member, or a Sponsored Member with another organisation, outstanding invoices or fees already paid will be checked and considered by Crossref before the membership is transferred to Thoth.

### **DOIs**

Digital object identifiers or DOIs, are persistent links and identifiers for an online content item. A DOI is just one piece of metadata that is included when a content item is registered with Crossref.

Publishers will be issued with their own DOI prefix, or they can keep an existing DOI prefix. This can then be combined with a suffix of your choice to create a DOI for a title or chapter.



<https://doi.org/10.5555/YRFU1371>

DOI resolver      prefix      suffix

[Read more: Best practices for creating DOIs](#)

### **Automatic DOI registration**

A DOI becomes active once registered with Crossref. Thoth will automatically register the DOI and deposit or update metadata, on the publisher's behalf. For this to happen the DOI must be included in the Thoth title or chapter-level metadata record and the Work's status must be set to ACTIVE (this is an indicator that the Work is published and live).

If you choose not to opt into Crossref membership with Thoth Plus, you will not be included in the automatic registration workflow but can still manually register your metadata records with Crossref with the help of Thoth's [Crossref DOI deposit](#).

An [obligation of your Crossref membership](#) is that Crossref DOIs must be displayed on members' publication landing pages.

[Read more: Display guidelines](#)

## **Crossref metadata**

When members register their content they deposit a wide range of metadata. Crossref asks that as much metadata as possible be included and that it is accurate and clean – the more comprehensive the metadata is, the more likely content will be discovered.

[Read More: Required, recommended, and optional elements](#)

How good is your metadata? Crossref has a handy public "Participation report" that provides an overview of metadata quality of Crossref members, showing, among other things, usage of persistent identifiers such as ORCID and ROR: <https://www.crossref.org/members/prep/>

The metadata associated with registered DOIs can be updated, and we encourage you to do this as often as needed within Thoth. We'll automatically resubmit any edited metadata record to Crossref with the changes included.

## **Content & Metadata Distribution**

Thoth Plus offers automated distribution solutions tailored to the needs of Open Access publishers, ensuring your publications reach a wider audience with ease.

Package B will facilitate the submission of books and chapters to platforms providing a dedicated venue where the actual book file(s) (such as PDFs, ePubs) will be hosted. Please note that Thoth also offers dedicated website hosting (incl. the advanced Thoth catalogue), and all residing under a publisher's own domain. Should you be interested in this option, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Thoth team.

## **OAPEN & DOAB**

### **OAPEN Partnership**

OAPEN is dedicated to open access (OA), peer-reviewed books, operating two platforms: the [OAPEN Library](#), a central repository for hosting and disseminating OA books; and, in partnership with OpenEdition, the [Directory of Open Access Books](#) (DOAB), an aggregator and discovery service for OA books. Publishers can join OAPEN & DOAB if they publish academic,

peer reviewed books that are made freely available, or published under an open licence (such as a Creative Commons licence).

As part of Thoth Plus, publishers can benefit from our collaboration agreement with OAPEN and DOAB. With this agreement, Thoth acts on behalf of the publishers subsumed under the umbrella of the **Thoth OAPEN Publishing Collective** and provides a streamlined way of submitting books to the OAPEN and DOAB catalogues on behalf of those participating publishers, and individual **per-book fees will be waived**. No additional agreement between the publisher and OAPEN is required.

OAPEN publisher benefits:

- Thoth also plays an integral part in the [DOAB Trusted Platform Network](#). Publishers using Thoth Plus for their dissemination can ask us to verify which of their open access books meet the DOAB criteria, and those books that have been verified can then be automatically listed in DOAB, facilitated by Thoth.
- You will also be given access to an [OAPEN dashboard](#) based on the COUNTER standard, to monitor your OA book statistics.

## OAPEN requirements

To establish submission of your books to OAPEN, we will initially require a description of your peer review procedure(s), which will be made available for publication on the OAPEN website. The aim of transparency in peer review procedures is to ensure and promote academic standards. All publishers benefit from this quality assurance in the long run.

In the case of book publishing the procedures for peer review tend to vary across borders and publishing traditions. OAPEN does not rank these different procedures, but they do have minimum requirements. Reviewing should be conducted by independent peers and/or editorial boards, and editors (including series editors) should not act as reviewers.

[Examples](#) of peer review procedures: e.g. [Open Book Publishers](#), [Punctum Books](#)

[Read more: OAPEN peer review policies](#)

## OAPEN & DOAB Metadata

To be compatible for upload to OAPEN & DOAB, any title metadata record created in Thoth should contain:

- A cover image URL (linking to cover image of 150dpi)
- A URL for where readers can download the book (e.g. a [DOI](#) or publisher's landing page).
- The full text url for the 'publication file' (either in PDF with all security settings removed or EPUB format) added under a [publication record](#). This allows OAPEN to automatically retrieve the correct file for hosting.

- Refer to Thoth's [mandatory, recommended and optional elements](#) to make sure your metadata records can be submitted to your selected platforms.
- The Work's status must be set to ACTIVE (this is an indicator that the Work is published and live).
- In March 2024 OAPEN moved to Thema classification codes because of the deprecation of the BIC schema. Uploads must now contain Thema codes rather than BIC codes. [You can download the BIC-Thema conversion table here.](#)

## Zenodo

[Zenodo](#) is a catch-all open-access repository developed under the European OpenAIRE program and operated by CERN. It allows researchers to deposit research related digital artefacts. The repository is based on the open source [Invenio](#) research data management repository software. Data is stored in CERN's Data Centre. Both data files and metadata are kept in multiple online and independent replicas.

As part of Thoth Plus, publishers can benefit from automated submission to Zenodo. Thoth will provide an automated way of submitting books to the Zenodo archive, providing a dedicated venue where the work will be hosted.

### Zenodo requirements

To be an effective catch-all that eliminates barriers to adopting data sharing practices, Zenodo does not impose any requirements on format, size, access restrictions or licence.

[Read more: Zenodo general policies](#)

[Read more: Zenodo principles](#)

## JSTOR & Portico

[JSTOR](#) is a digital archive for the scholarly community, managed by non-profit ITHAKA. JSTOR focuses mainly on articles, but has been increasing its range with monographs and edited collections. More than 11,000 [OA books](#) from 130+ publishers are now available at no cost to libraries or users.

As part of Thoth Plus, publishers can benefit from our umbrella agreement with JSTOR. With this agreement, Thoth acts on behalf of the publishers subsumed under the umbrella and provides a streamlined way of submitting books to the JSTOR archive on behalf of those participating publishers, and the usual **\$100 per-book hosting fee will be waived**. No additional agreement between the publisher and JSTOR is required.

Some of JSTOR's Books program publisher benefits:

- Automatic and free preservation in their sister service, Portico: while JSTOR is an open digital library, they also offer [dark archive](#) preservation and storage of your books. No

special set up is needed and JSTOR will work with Portico to ensure systematic storage of your files.

- Access to detailed usage reports: JSTOR has an admin site for publishers that will allow them to schedule or run one-time usage reports, including usage based on country, institution information, and number of item requests.
- Chapter-Level indexing & full text search: each book PDF JSTOR receives is OCR'd to ensure complete searchability on the platform. A publisher can send any kind of PDF which they will ensure is upgraded and ready to go for users. During processing, each chapter and/or book part is then indexed separately on the platforms for better discoverability. Please note that JSTOR can't currently offer single OA chapters in the program.

## JSTOR Requirements

Thoth will review each new publisher wishing to distribute to JSTOR as per their [editorial guidelines](#).

To be compatible for upload to JSTOR any title metadata record created in Thoth should contain:

- [Required metadata fields](#) to host a title on the platform OR Refer to Thoth's [mandatory, recommended and optional elements](#) to make sure your metadata records can be submitted to your selected platforms.
- To be included in the JSTOR OA-only program, a Creative Commons License must be applied to each full book.
- A cover image URL (linking to JPEG image at least 150dpi)
- A URL for where readers can download the book (e.g. a [DOI](#) or publisher's landing page).
- The full text URL for the 'publication file' in PDF format (does not need to have bookmarks or be OCR'd) added under a [publication record](#). This allows Thoth to submit the correct file to JSTOR for hosting.
- The Work's status must be set to ACTIVE (this is an indicator that the Work is published and live).

## Project MUSE

[Project MUSE](#) is an online scholarly library managed by John Hopkins University and focused on the humanities and social sciences. Their [Open Access Books Program](#) offers publishers the ability to have their open access content available on the MUSE platform. The OA books are fully integrated with all the features and functionality of subscriber-only books on Project MUSE.

As part of Thoth Plus, publishers can benefit from our umbrella agreement with Project MUSE. With this agreement, Thoth acts on behalf of the publishers subsumed under the umbrella and

provides a streamlined way of submitting books to the MUSE platform on behalf of those participating publishers. No additional agreement between the publisher and MUSE is required.

### Low hosting fee

Project MUSE charges a one-time, per-title hosting fee of \$100 USD. This fee helps offset production costs for ingestion and conversion, supports their suite of discoverability, discovery and linking partnerships, and preservation services, and the continual development of their reliable and accurate usage statistics tool. Under the Thoth umbrella agreement publishers can claim **50% off** the MUSE hosting fee. Thoth will handle the MUSE hosting fees and invoice the publisher retrospectively, to help minimise administrative tasks.

Some of Project MUSE's OA Books program publisher benefits:

- MUSE provides MARC records, KBART files, metadata distribution and linking, and preservation through PORTICO and LOCKSS to ensure your open access books are available in library discovery systems and knowledge bases.

### Project MUSE requirements

Thoth will review each new publisher wishing to distribute to MUSE as per their normal protocols:

- MUSE can **only work with non-profit presses**

To be compatible for upload to MUSE any title metadata record created in Thoth should contain:

- Refer to Thoth's [mandatory, recommended and optional elements](#) to make sure your metadata records can be submitted to your selected platforms.
- A cover image URL (linking to JPEG image at least 150dpi)
- A URL for where readers can download the book (e.g. a [DOI](#) or publisher's landing page).
- The full text URL for the 'publication file' in PDF or EPUB format added under a [publication record](#). This allows Thoth to submit the correct file to MUSE for hosting.
- The Work's status must be set to ACTIVE (this is an indicator that the Work is published and live).

Additional guidance:

- MUSE's preparing book [PDF guidelines](#)
- MUSE's preparing book [EPUB guidelines](#)

## Google Play Books

Google Play Books is the ebook distribution platform of Google, available in 75+ countries. Users can purchase and download ebooks from [Google Play](#), which offers over five million titles. Books can be read through a web browser, through the use of a mobile app available for



Android and iOS, and through the use of select e-readers that offer support for Adobe Digital Editions.

As part of Thoth Plus, publishers can benefit from a streamlined way of submitting books to the [Google Books Partner Program](#). No additional agreement between the publisher and Google Play Books is required.

### Google Books requirements

- Publishers must create an individual [Books Partner Centre](#) account. Signing up only takes a few minutes.
- Publishers must then [add Thoth as a user](#) to their account to grant access so that we can manage your books for you. The Thoth team will provide specifics regarding the data needed to make this as easy as possible.

To be compatible for upload to Google Play Books any title metadata record created in Thoth should contain:

- Refer to Thoth's [mandatory, recommended and optional elements](#) to make sure your metadata records can be submitted to your selected platforms.
- A cover image URL (linking to JPEG,PNG, TIFF image at least 150dpi)
- A URL for where readers can download the book (e.g. a [DOI](#) or publisher's landing page).
- The full text URL for the 'publication file' in PDF or EPUB format added under a [publication record](#). This allows Thoth to submit the correct file to Google Play Books for hosting.
- The Work's status must be set to ACTIVE (this is an indicator that the Work is published and live).

Additional guidance:

- Google's preparing book [EPUB guidelines](#)
- Google's preparing book [PDF guidelines](#)

### EBSCO eBooks

[EBSCO eBooks](#) is an ebook library service of EBSCO, who make high-quality content available through its easy-to-use research platforms. EBSCO allows libraries and institutions to build their own eBook collections from a growing selection of titles across a wide range of subjects and genres. OA titles will be added to EBSCO's [Open Access Monograph Collection](#), which is available free of charge to libraries, DRM-Free, and available on the open web.

As part of Thoth Plus, publishers can benefit from our umbrella agreement with EBSCO eBooks. With this agreement, Thoth acts on behalf of the publishers subsumed under the umbrella and provides a streamlined way of submitting books to the eBooks platform on behalf of those

participating publishers. No additional agreement between the publisher and EBSCO eBooks is required.

EBSCO eBooks publisher benefits:

- All books in the OA collection are available at no cost on the EBSCOhost platform: Libraries subscribing to the EBSCO eBooks OA collection can view those eBook titles in their collection in EBSCOhost Collection Manager (ECM) and in GOBI.
- Indexing in [EBSCO Discovery Service \(EDS\)](#) to increase visibility

### **EBSCO eBooks requirements**

Thoth will review each new publisher wishing to distribute to EBSCO eBooks as per their normal protocols. To be compatible for upload to EBSCO eBooks any title metadata record created in Thoth should contain:

- Refer to Thoth's [mandatory, recommended and optional elements](#) to make sure your metadata records can be submitted to your selected platforms.
- A cover image URL (linking to JPEG image at least 150dpi)
- A URL for where readers can download the book (e.g. a [DOI](#) or publisher's landing page).
- The full text URL for the 'publication file' in PDF or EPUB format added under a [publication record](#). This allows Thoth to submit the correct file to EBSCO eBooks for hosting.
- The Work's status must be set to ACTIVE (this is an indicator that the Work is published and live).

Additional guidance:

- EBSCO eBooks [Data Integration FAQs](#)

### **ProQuest Ebook Central**

[ProQuest Ebook Central](#) is an intuitive ebook platform for users and librarians. The platform makes it easy for over 26,000 libraries across 152 countries to manage discovery, selection, acquisition, administration, and reporting all in one place – and to give students, faculty and researchers seamless and immediate access to the books they need. OA titles will be added to the collection Open Access Complete and are accessible to ProQuest customers on a complimentary basis. The collection offers researchers a reliable starting point to vetted open access content and gives smaller publishers more visibility regardless of geography or discipline.

As part of Thoth Plus, publishers can benefit from our umbrella agreement with ProQuest Ebook Central. With this agreement, Thoth acts on behalf of the publishers subsumed under the umbrella and provides a streamlined way of submitting books to the Ebook Central platform on

behalf of those participating publishers. No additional agreement between the publisher and ProQuest Ebook Central is required.

#### **ProQuest Ebook Central publisher benefits:**

- Once the Open Access Complete collection is enabled in ProQuest's LibCentral, it is discoverable by patrons alongside other titles in the library's catalogue.

#### **ProQuest Ebook Central requirements**

Thoth will review each new publisher wishing to distribute to ProQuest Ebook Central as per their normal protocols. To be compatible for upload to ProQuest Ebook Central any title metadata record created in Thoth should contain:

- Refer to Thoth's [mandatory, recommended and optional elements](#) to make sure your metadata records can be submitted to your selected platforms.
- A cover image URL (linking to JPEG image at least 150dpi)
- A URL for where readers can download the book (e.g. a [DOI](#) or publisher's landing page).
- The full text URL for the 'publication file' in PDF or EPUB format added under a [publication record](#). This allows Thoth to submit the correct file to ProQuest Ebook Central for hosting. (Ebook Central validates the appearance and navigation features of all files to make sure they appear and function properly. Please make sure that your files are error-free. For EPUB files, use EPUB Check or a similar tool to ensure that your file is compliant)
- The Work's status must be set to ACTIVE (this is an indicator that the Work is published and live).

### **Clarivate Web of Science Book Citation Index**

The [Book Citation Index](#) (BKCI) is a multidisciplinary index of monographs and books-in-series in the sciences and social sciences. It includes the published scholarly literature of books and book chapters selected by Web of Science Group editorial staff. Book citations are seamlessly integrated with other citation indexes in [Web of Science Core Collection](#) to provide a more complete citation count of an author's published work.

As part of Thoth Plus, Thoth will act on behalf of publishers to provide a streamlined way of submitting books to the BKCI. For each publisher to be considered for a partnership with BKCI, they will be required to send an email to the Editorial Team with a link to their website, a short description of the publishing house, and their peer review and editorial policies. If it is clear that the majority of a publisher's catalogue and policies do not align with BKCI priorities and/or any of the criteria detailed [here](#), a partnership will not be established. Publishers may reapply in the future if subsequent books meet requirements. Once the publisher transition is complete, the publisher can stop sending their own updates to BKCI.

## Book Citation Index requirements

Web of Science editors [review the book](#) to determine whether a full editorial evaluation is merited. To be compatible for upload to Book Citation Index any title metadata record created in Thoth should contain:

- Refer to Thoth's [mandatory, recommended and optional elements](#) to make sure your metadata records can be submitted to your selected platforms.
- A cover image URL (linking to JPEG image at least 150dpi)
- A URL for where readers can download the book (e.g. a [DOI](#) or publisher's landing page).
- The full text URL for the 'publication file' in PDF format added under a [publication record](#). This allows Thoth to submit the correct file to Book Citation Index for hosting.
- The Work's status must be set to ACTIVE (this is an indicator that the Work is published and live).

## RNIB Bookshare

RNIB works with publishers to provide their accessible files through [RNIB Bookshare](#) for use by learners with a print disability at all educational levels; early years through to higher education.

As part of Thoth Plus, Thoth will act on behalf of publishers to provide a streamlined way of submitting books to RNIB Bookshare.

RNIB Bookshare publisher benefits:

- Books are available to download by customers based in the UK but you can also select additional availability by country code or region: UK, Europe, Worldwide
- Usage reports for download figures can be provided.

## RNIB Bookshare requirements

To be compatible for upload to RNIB Bookshare any title metadata record created in Thoth should contain:

- Refer to Thoth's [mandatory, recommended and optional elements](#) to make sure your metadata records can be submitted to your selected platforms.
- A cover image URL (linking to JPEG image at least 150dpi)
- A URL for where readers can download the book (e.g. a [DOI](#) or publisher's landing page).
- The full text URL for the 'publication file' in PDF or EPUB format added under a [publication record](#). This allows Thoth to submit the correct file to RNIB Bookshare for hosting.
- The Work's status must be set to ACTIVE (this is an indicator that the Work is published and live).

Additional guidance:

- RNIB Bookshare will use your EPUB or RTF file to automatically make the title available in a range of [accessible formats](#). Where you supply PDF only, the book will only be available to download by members as a PDF.
- **Fixed format EPUB:** RNIB Bookshare don't specifically block the fixed format / enhanced titles, but they do provide a poor automated conversion into other formats.
- **Text recognisable PDF:** your PDFs must be text recognisable and not saved as images only. Please also ensure that crop marks are removed.
- RNIB Bookshare [Publisher FAQ](#)

## Metadata Distribution

### JISC NBK

JISC's [national bibliography knowledgebase \(NBK\)](#) includes the catalogues of all university libraries wishing to be involved, along with a wide range of other libraries and data sources. This is a collaboration that has produced a shared database on a truly national scale, supporting a range of JISC services for the benefit of the academic community. The NBK is the aggregation of data which is being used to provide [Library Hub Discover](#), [Library Hub Compare](#) and [Library Hub Cataloguing](#) services and will support new service development in the future.

As part of Thoth Plus, Thoth will act on behalf of publishers to provide a streamlined way of submitting book metadata records to JISC NBK. Refer to Thoth's [mandatory, recommended and optional elements](#) to make sure your metadata records can be submitted to your selected platforms.

### EBSCO Knowledge Base

EBSCO Knowledge Base is used by thousands of libraries worldwide, allowing them to manage their full-text holdings. The KB serves as the foundation of the EBSCO discovery solution, ensuring that data about ebooks and collections are shared among their [multiple products](#) (such as such as Full Text Finder (EBSCO's A-to-Z listing service and Link Resolver), Usage Consolidation, ERM-E and the Holdings Management tool). Using a single authoritative KB in multiple applications reduces supplication and errors.

As part of Thoth Plus, Thoth will act on behalf of publishers to provide an automated way of submitting book metadata records to EBSCO KB. Refer to Thoth's [mandatory, recommended and optional elements](#) to make sure your metadata records can be submitted to your selected platforms.

## ProQuest Knowledge Base

ProQuest's Knowledge Base is ProQuest's repository of authoritative e-resource metadata, and all ProQuest management and discovery clients interact with it. The KB maintains title metadata for full text ebooks.

As part of Thoth Plus, Thoth will act on behalf of publishers to provide an automated way of submitting book metadata records to ProQuest on a monthly basis. Refer to Thoth's [mandatory, recommended and optional elements](#) to make sure your metadata records can be submitted to your selected platforms.

## OCLC Knowledge Base

OCLC and its member libraries cooperatively produce and maintain WorldCat – the OCLC Union Catalog, the largest online public access catalog (OPAC) in the world.

As part of Thoth Plus, Thoth will act on behalf of publishers to provide an automated way of submitting book metadata records to OCLC Knowledgebase into the [Thoth Open Metadata Collection](#). Refer to Thoth's [mandatory, recommended and optional elements](#) to make sure your metadata records can be submitted to your selected platforms.

## Archiving solutions

Thoth Plus offers comprehensive archiving solutions to ensure the long-term preservation of scholarly publications. Package B includes archiving with the [Thoth Open Archiving Network](#) (TOAN), a community initiative developed under the COPIM project, which serves as a vital resource for small and scholar-led book publishers seeking to preserve their publications. Designed to address the gap in preservation infrastructure, the TOAN offers publishers an automatic option to archive their publications in multiple repository locations. This initiative provides an essential safeguard against the risk of complete loss of their catalogue, supporting the long-term accessibility and preservation of scholarly works.

As the Thoth Open Archiving Network is currently still very much in active development, we will periodically update this section to provide further details on the repositories included in TOAN.

## Internet Archive

The [Internet Archive](#), a trusted digital library offering free universal access to knowledge, is one of the key partners in Thoth Plus's archiving solutions. Through Thoth Plus, publishers can seamlessly archive their publications with the Internet Archive, ensuring their content remains accessible for generations to come. To find out which books have already been stored in the Internet Archive through Thoth, see the [Thoth Open Archiving Network collection](#).

Internet Archive supports all kinds of digital materials, so it can accept a wide range of file formats, although chapters are not supported. Thoth will automate the upload of content and metadata in the Thoth database. Thoth will map your published book to the Internet Archive concept of an item and will supply item-level and file-level metadata.

Titles uploaded to the Internet Archive via Thoth will soon also be listed in IA's [Open Library](#).

### **Internet Archive metadata**

Internet Archive metadata is retrieved in JSON format; as an example, the metadata for [this Thoth Open Archiving Network Item](#) can be viewed [in the browser](#). Internet Archive aims to be “metadata agnostic”, i.e. their data model is not constrained to fit any specific metadata standard. This allows us to retain all of the rich metadata available in Thoth when we upload your content. We therefore recommend that you include as much metadata in your Thoth title records as possible.

### **Internet Archive requirements:**

- Refer to Thoth's [mandatory, recommended and optional elements](#) to make sure your metadata records can be submitted to your selected platforms.
- The full text url for the ‘publication file’ (PDF format with all security settings removed) added under a [publication record](#) with a canonical location. This allows Thoth to retrieve the correct file for upload to the Internet Archive.
- The Work's status must be set to ACTIVE (this is an indicator that the Work is published and live).

## **Next Steps**

What we require from you during your partnership with Thoth Plus:

- Work with us to ingest your back catalogue of published books into Thoth.
- Consider integrating the creation of title and chapter-level metadata records in Thoth early in your publishing workflow, to ensure detailed, high-quality metadata records are available right at the time of online publication for your books.
- Refer to Thoth's [mandatory, recommended and optional elements](#) to make sure your metadata records can be submitted to your selected platforms.
- Review and maintain the metadata, keeping it clean, complete, and up-to-date. Incorrect or incomplete metadata records can negatively impact downstream dissemination workflows, and thus reduces the discoverability, reusability, and credibility of your presses' valuable contributions to the scholarly record content.
- Additional metadata guidance: [WIP metadata best practices webpage](#)

Thoth will guide you along the way to get set up with package B and your chosen platforms. We will follow up this welcome pack with an email about how to get started with each respective platform. Thoth will then use your enriched metadata records to facilitate submission of your book content and metadata to those platforms.

## Bespoke Services

If you are happy with the services offered in package B, you may also wish to consider using our [bespoke services](#), which include metadata creation, data checks and ingest, dissemination to a custom set of platforms of your choice, and the provision of web hosting solutions under your publisher's own domain, and including Thoth's advanced catalogue features.

The option of a 50% discount under the conditions of the [Open Book Futures](#) funding also applies to package B and bespoke services. This offer runs through to April 2026 for any publisher upgrading before December 31, 2024.

More information about our bespoke services can be found on our [website](#).

## Support

If you have any questions, or require any support or training, please get in touch with Hannah Hillen, Metadata & Publisher Outreach Specialist [info@thoth.pub](mailto:info@thoth.pub).

Some useful resources:

[Thoth web](#)

[Thoth Wiki](#)

[Thoth User Manual](#)

[Videos](#)



