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What's New

MUSE Accelerates Move to OA with Publisher S2O Commitments



Subscribe to Open (S2O) is an equitable model for scholarly journals that enables subscription titles to open access to their current content without Article Processing Charges (APCs). MUSE's S2O program – launching with the calendar year 2025 subscription term – is built around our familiar and trusted Journal Collections, making the transition from conventional subscriptions to conditionally open OA subscriptions seamless for libraries, while providing revenue stability for publishers.

The MUSE S2O Program makes open access to the current year's content from participating journals contingent on the continued support of MUSE subscribers. Each year, MUSE will set the minimum sustainability threshold required to maintain the platform and its participating publishers. By renewing their collection subscriptions, libraries ensure their continued access to our deep backfile content and current scholarship. If the program's annual revenue threshold

is reached, the current year's content from journals participating in the S2O program becomes open to the world. If the threshold is not reached, that year's content remains gated.

Participation in the program is open to any actively publishing, full-royalty journal in the MUSE Journal Collections, and a publisher may participate with as many or as few of their titles as they wish. **To date, 89 journals from more than 27 publishers are confirmed for the program, with more expected soon.** View a regularly updated list of participating publishers and journals at the link below.

Read more about S2O at
[ABOUT.MUSE.JHU.EDU/MUSE/S2O/](https://about.muse.jhu.edu/muse/s2o/)



University Press Books from Latin America

MUSE is poised to greatly expand the Spanish and Portuguese-language book content on our platform via partnerships with a large number of distinguished university presses from Latin America. Much of the current output from these presses is not easily available to libraries digitally in unlimited-use models, and MUSE hopes to help the publishers significantly expand their global reach through our variety of library acquisition options.

MUSE currently hosts more than 2,000 Spanish-language titles, and is well positioned to assist Latin American university press publishers in overcoming logistical and systemic barriers to wider distribution of their books. Globally elevating the visibility of this important scholarship is central to MUSE's commitment to equity, inclusion, and diversity.

To date, MUSE has made agreements with more than 80 Latin American university press publishers, with more than 2,000 titles from these presses now available for sale on the platform. Over the coming months, we hope to expand the initiative to well over a hundred publishers across the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking world, bringing thousands of new titles to audiences that had previously been out of reach via existing distribution channels.

Find out more about University Press Books from Latin America:
[ABOUT.MUSE.JHU.EDU/NEWS/LATIN-AMERICAN-EXPANSION](https://about.muse.jhu.edu/news/latin-american-expansion)



Five New Collection Journals for 2024

These titles are confirmed to join our curated Journal Collections beginning in 2024:

- *Journal of Global Postcolonial Studies*
- *The Journal of Race & Policy*
- *Quebec Studies*
- *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society*
- *Transactions of the American Philosophical Society*

All will be included in the Premium Collection, and selected titles have also been added to other Project MUSE journal collections for 2024.

Find out more at:
[ABOUT.MUSE.JHU.EDU/LIBRARIANS/
JOURNAL-TITLE-UPGRADES/](https://about.muse.jhu.edu/librarians/journal-title-upgrades/)



PLUS+ Package of Hosted Journals

The Project MUSE Journals PLUS+ Package provides access to a large bundle of titles that are part of the journal-hosting program on the MUSE platform. These titles are not included in any of the curated MUSE Journal Collections. All the journals in the hosting program are peer-reviewed, from not-for-profit scholarly publishers, and cover a wide range of humanities and social science disciplines. The PLUS+ Package is updated annually to include any newly hosted journals that choose to participate. For 2024, the PLUS+ Package includes 77 journals from 38 publishers.

The PLUS+ Package can be purchased on its own, and can also provide additional depth and breadth of core subject coverage when combined with any of the interdisciplinary, curated Journal Collections. Libraries subscribing to both the MUSE Premium Collection and the PLUS+ Package have access to current content, plus all available backfiles, for all but a handful of the journals on the MUSE platform.

Learn more about the PLUS+ Package at:

[ABOUT.MUSE.JHU.EDU/LIBRARIANS/JOURNALS-PREMIUM-PLUS/](https://about.muse.jhu.edu/librarians/journals-premium-plus/)



Free Journal Access for Low-Income Countries

As part of our mission to promote the broad dissemination of essential humanities and social science scholarship, and in support of equity in access to scholarly resources, MUSE and its participating publishers now provide free access to selected journal titles in many low-income countries. This program is in collaboration with Google Scholar, which is indexing our free journal content to ensure it is widely discoverable in these countries, while MUSE provides the free access to any user connecting via an IP address from the qualifying countries. All available volumes and issues from the participating journal titles may be accessed for free.

More than 300 journals have committed to the free access program. A list of the participating titles, along with the list of countries with free access, is available on our web site. Project MUSE also hosts more than 5,000 fully open-access books, and several open-access journals; these are freely available to everyone, worldwide.

More details on the free access program:

[ABOUT.MUSE.JHU.EDU/INDIVIDUALS/FREE-LOW-INCOME-ACCESS](https://about.muse.jhu.edu/individuals/free-low-income-access)



Books Custom Collections Offer Flexibility

MUSE's customized book collection option provides libraries with ultimate control and best value for their ebook acquisitions. Design a collection the easy way by filtering our nearly 100,000 available titles on criteria such as subject, publisher, and publication date, or more closely curate a collection by making individual title selections. Easily add electronic access for existing print holdings, instantly gain resources to support a new program/major, or quickly address course needs with a collection tailored to instructor requests. All books are DRM-free, making them ideal for both research and class use. Discounts are offered for larger collections. Acquire just a few books as needed, or instantly expand subject coverage with a bulk purchase of essential, richly relevant titles from more than 200 trusted university presses, scholarly societies, and related not-for-profit publishers.

More details on the books custom collections:

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