

Choosing the Right Publishing Platform for your Context

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What we'll cover today

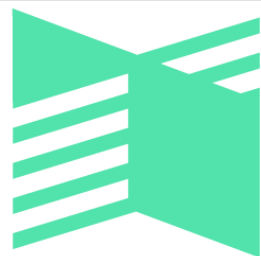
This session identifies key **questions** you need to ask when choosing OER publishing platforms—such as Pressbooks, Manifold, LibreTexts, OER Commons, and institutional repositories—and examines how their features align with different institutional and statewide goals.

Open Platforms @ CUNY



OER
Open Educational
Resources

PB PRESSBOOKS



Manifold



CUNY Context

- **Campuses:** 26 colleges (senior, community, honors, post-graduate, and professional colleges) located across all five boroughs of New York City.
- **Students:** 237,671 total enrollment (2024); 46,075 degrees granted (2023-24)
- **Faculty & Staff:** 40,040 total (13,727 full-time faculty, 14,682 part-time)
- **Libraries:** 31 locations across the city; different organizational positions!

? To Ask: Use Cases

? To ask: Contract Parameters

? To ask: Implementation


Which platform does what?

Publishing Platforms

- Do your users need authoring tools?
- Do you have to control outputs (for compliance)?
- Do you have dedicated tech/editorial/metadata help?
 - Educational Technologists
 - Teaching and Learning Centers
 - OER Librarians
 - Systems Administrators
 - Open Source Maintainers

Pressbooks

- Comfortable for people used to Wordpress
- H5P interactives
- Cloning function makes remixing simpler
- LTI (Pressbooks Results)
- boost discoverability through the Pressbooks Directory



SAAS or self-hosted Open Source Options

Manifold

- Built in/searchable annotations
- Inline resources
- Mobile-friendly
- Users can create their own projects
- Discoverability through OAI-PMH feed



Managed
hosting or
open source
self-hosting
options

OER Commons Microsite

- Custom referatory, collections and hubs
- Indexing from multiple sources
- Native authoring tool
- LTI option
- Discoverability through OER exchange



LibreTexts

- 17 subject-specific libraries, housing over 2,000 textbooks spanning diverse disciplines
- Remix/customize existing content
- embed Jupyter Notebooks, ADAPT homework questions, 3D visualizations, and videos



SaaS

Repository Platforms

- Do your outputs need indexing and/or cataloging?
- Do you have to control outputs (for compliance)?
- Do you have dedicated tech support?
 - Systems Administrators
 - Open Source Maintainers

CUNY Academic Works

Digital Commons Institutional Repository

- Open access institutional repository for scholarly, creative, and pedagogical work
- CUNY Academic Works is freely available to all
- Anyone in the CUNY community can submit
- Anyone around the world can access and download

Laboratory Exercises
in Microbiology:
366,931 downloads



Students

- What platforms are they required to use?
 - LMS
 - Registrar
 - Library catalog
- Where are they accessing the OER?
- What sort of interactivity are they asked for?



Can I read
on my
phone?

Faculty

**I have two
days before
classes
start...**

- What platforms are they required to use?
 - LMS/Registrar/Library catalog
- What sort of ed tech support do they have?
- Are they expecting student contributions?
- Do they know the licenses of the things they're using?
- Are there checkpoints built into their funding?

Administrators

- What platforms are they required to use?
- How many people need admin access to the tool?
- Who is managing metadata?
- How are they supporting distribution?

**Will a new MFA
login disrupt
everyone's class
the first day of
term?**

Additional Information

Impact tracking

- How many times has your OER been downloaded?
- Where are your readers located?
- How are readers finding your OER?
- What are the organizational/institutional affiliations of your readers?

CUNY Academic Works OER Dashboard 2025

Open Educational

All Works

All disciplines

All publication types

Jun 20, 2014 - Jan 28, 2026

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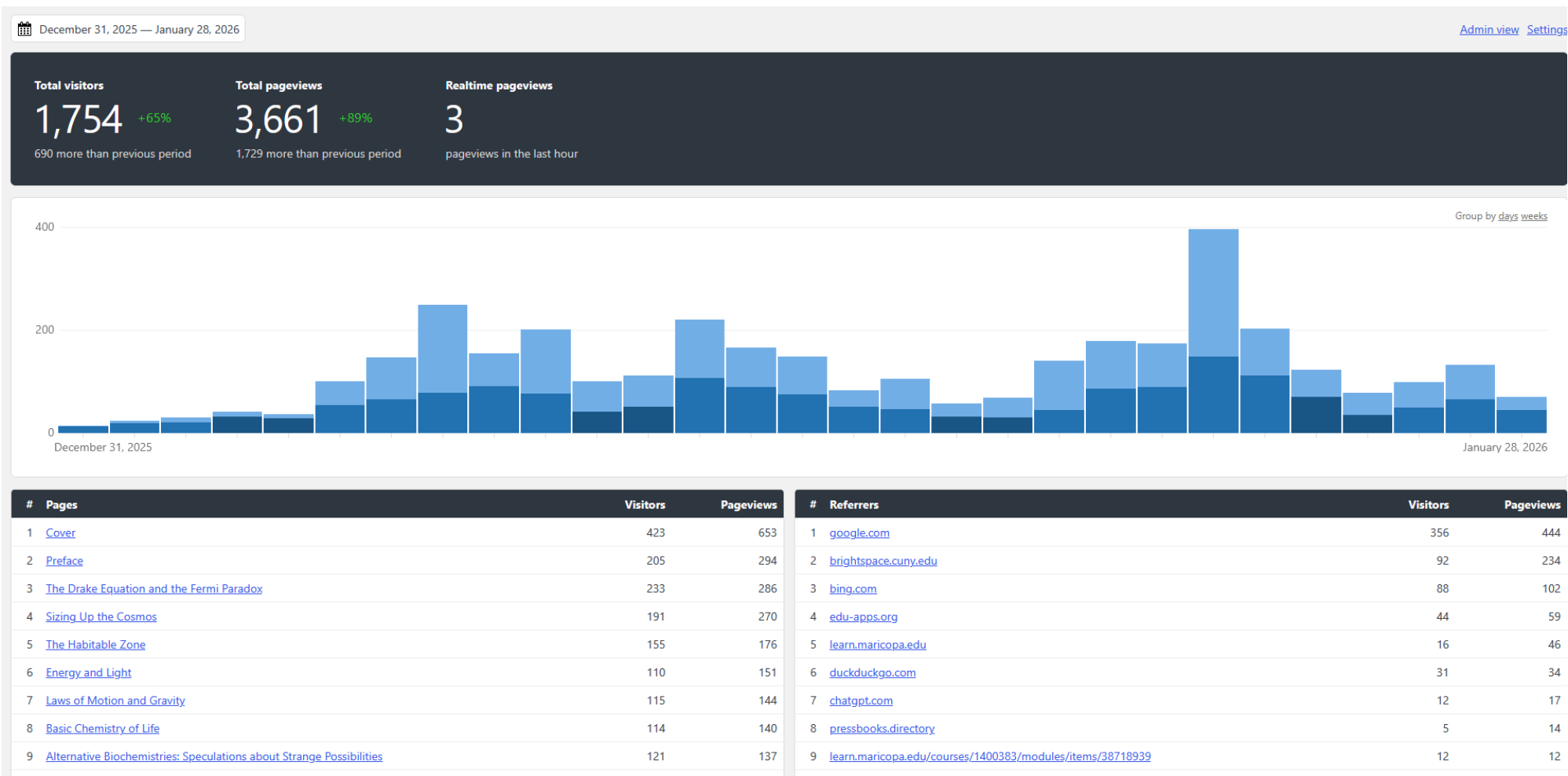
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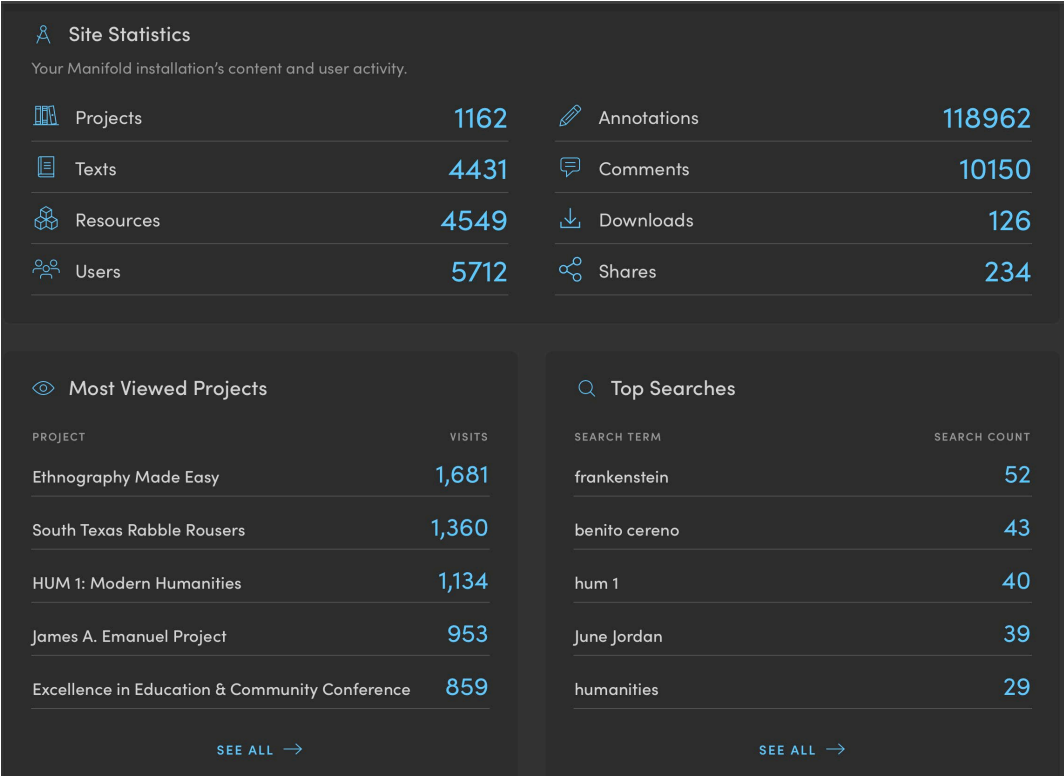
Readership Distribution



Pressbooks Analytics



Manifold Analytics



Questions?

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