Finding OER to Use in Your Courses

There is a multitude of OER to choose from, ranging from full textbooks and courses, multimedia resources, and primary sources.

Video: How to Find and Evaluate OER: https://youtu.be/FbwuMQM-NG8

Four easy steps to look for open content:
1. Identify keywords related to your course and its learning outcomes and/or objectives.
2. Search OER repositories for relevant resources.
3. Review the resources you've located for fit, currency, and accessibility.
4. Reflect on the materials you have located.

Aggregated OER Collections

- **ASCCC OERI Discipline Collections**: Resource summaries by TMC and CSU GE/C-ID or discipline
  - tinyurl.com/OERI-TMCRessources
  - tinyurl.com/OERbyDisc
- **Cool4ED**: California Open Online Library for Education aggregates searches across several collections
  - http://www.cool4ed.org/
- **LibreTexts**: Comprehensive textbook library allows for curation and creation of open textbooks and resources
  - https://libretexts.org/
- **MERLOT**: provides access to thousands of discipline-specific learning materials contributed by the member community.
  - merlot.org
- **OASIS**: Allows search for OER from hundreds of sources.
  - https://oasis.geneseo.edu/
- **Open Oregon**: Aggregates proprietary and openly licensed materials by course name, institution, and instructor information.
  - http://openoregon.org/resources/
- **OER Commons**: A public library of OER with tools for content authoring & remixing.
  - https://www.oercommons.org/
Open Media Collections

- **Creative Commons Image Search** - Openly licensed still images, music, and videos across several repositories, including YouTube, Google, SoundCloud, and more.
  - [https://ccsearch.creativecommons.org/](https://ccsearch.creativecommons.org/)
- **Getty Institute Open Images** - Searchable database of Creative Commons licensed images.
  - [http://search.getty.edu/gateway/landing](http://search.getty.edu/gateway/landing)
- **Library of Congress** - Millions of books, recordings, photographs, newspapers, maps and manuscripts—all in the public domain for use and reuse by all.
  - [http://www.loc.gov/](http://www.loc.gov/)

Open Data Collections

- **Data.gov** - Comprises U.S. federal data with links to U.S. states, cities and counties with web sites that provide open data.
  - [https://www.data.gov/open-gov/](https://www.data.gov/open-gov/)
- **PLOS** - Science and medicine research articles with images, figures, tables and graphs, all licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution license that allows for adaptations and derivatives.
  - [https://www.plos.org/](https://www.plos.org/)
- **World Bank Open Data** - Global development data that is free and openly licensed.
  - [https://data.worldbank.org/](https://data.worldbank.org/)

Open Textbooks

- **Open SUNY Textbooks** - State University of New York’s collection of faculty authored and peer-reviewed open textbooks.
  - [https://textbooks.opensuny.org/browse-oer/](https://textbooks.opensuny.org/browse-oer/)
- **OpenStax Textbooks** - AP-level open textbooks spanning multiple subjects that are developed and peer-reviewed by educators.
  - [https://openstax.org/](https://openstax.org/)
- **Open Textbook Library** (UMN) - A peer-reviewed collection of hundreds of open textbooks spanning multiple subjects. All textbooks are quality reviewed by faculty from a variety of institutions.
  - [https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks](https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks)

Find additional OER-related information at ASCCC-OERI.org

References:

- **Abbey Elder OER Starter Kit**
  - [https://iastate.pressbooks.pub/oerstarterkit/](https://iastate.pressbooks.pub/oerstarterkit/)

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