

OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES: an open alternative to costly textbooks

- **Cool4ED:** Comprehensive site of The California Open Education Resources Council. It facilitates the peer review of open textbooks which are showcased in the California Open Source Digital Library.
<http://www.cool4ed.org/index.html>
- **MERLOT:** Curated collection of free and open online teaching, learning, and faculty development services contributed and used by an international education community.
<https://www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm>
- **OpenStax College (Rice University):** Free textbooks that meet scope and sequence requirements for most courses.
<http://openstaxcollege.org/>
- **Community College Consortium for Educational Resources:** Collection of free, peer-reviewed textbooks.
<http://oerconsortium.org/>
- **OER Commons:** A freely accessible online library that allows teachers and others to search and discover OER and other freely available instructional materials.
<https://www.oercommons.org/>
- **Open Textbooks:** a project of the Silicon Valley Education Foundation focused on the mission of driving awareness, adoptions, and **affordability** of open textbooks.
<http://www.collegeopentextbooks.org/>
- **Humboldt State University OER's:** Collection of resources (lesson plans featuring online materials) and free textbooks for Spanish.
<http://libguides.humboldt.edu/openedu/span>
- **The University of Kansas OER page**
<https://sllc.ku.edu/open-educational-resources#Span>
- **Connexion:** Repository for Educational Content.
<http://cnx.org/>
- **Internet Archive:** The biggest library in the world overflows with videos, images, articles, and other educational resources suitable for all ages and learning styles.
<https://archive.org/>
- **A Basic Guide to Open Educational Resources (OER):** Provides readers with a quick and user-friendly introduction to Open Educational Resources (OER) and some of the key issues.
<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002158/215804e.pdf>

- **Wibbly.com:** A web-hosting service featuring a drag-and-drop website builder.
<https://www.weebly.com/>
- **Wix.com:** A cloud-based web development platform that allows users to create HTML5 web sites and mobile sites.
<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002158/215804e.pdf>