

Unlocking Education: Discovering the Power of **OER**

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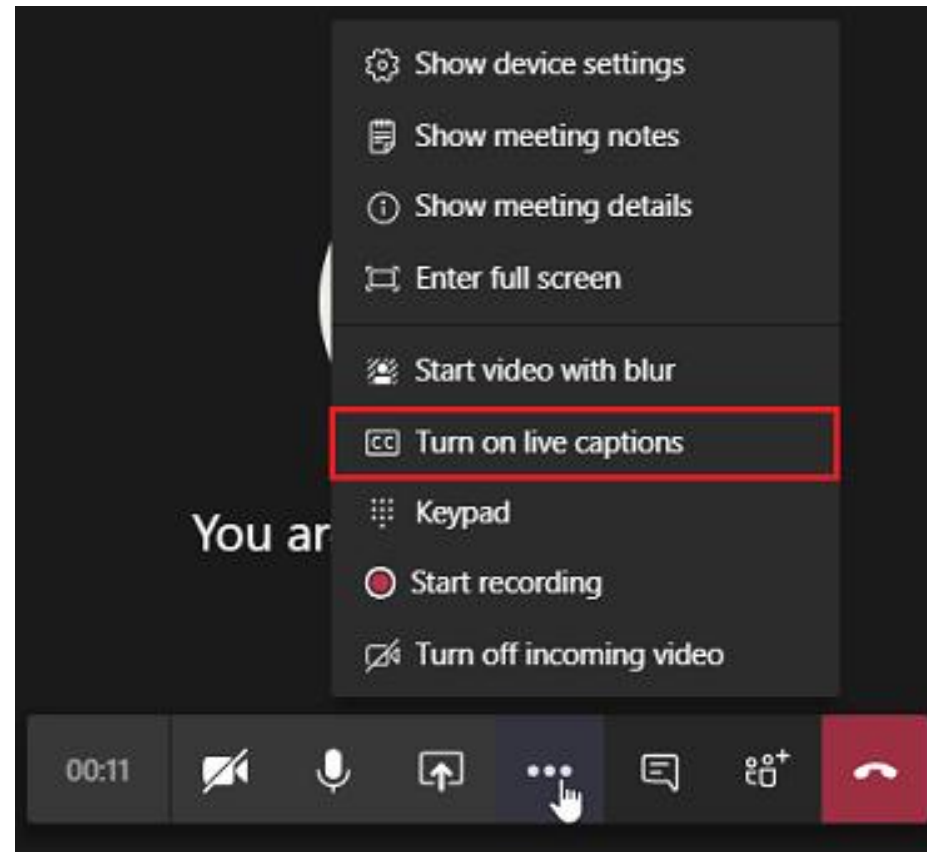
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Using this space (MS Teams)

- Captions
- Chat
- Q & A





Ashlyne (she/they)

- Educational Developer
- St. Clair College
- Background in Psychology, Education, and Open

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The Plan

- Exploring definitions of “Open”
- The opportunities offered by OER
- OER “rules”
- Repositories
- Tools
- Experiences and Implications



**What do you know
about OER?**

What are you hoping to
get out of this session?

What's the problem we are trying to address?

... I mean, there are obviously *many*!

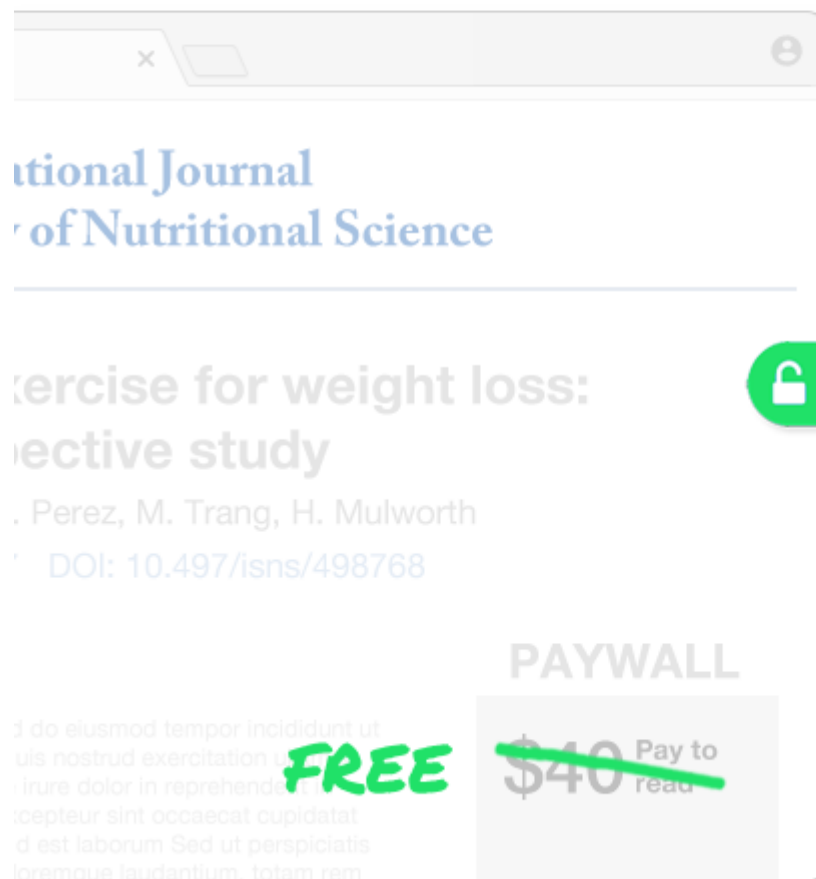


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Open Educational Resources

- Educational
- Resource
- What do we really mean by “open”?



“Open means **anyone** can **freely access, use, modify, and share** for **any purpose** (subject, at most, to requirements that preserve provenance and openness).”

<https://opendefinition.org/>



Access & Use



Share/Redistribute

Adapt/Modify/ Remix



Create



5Rs of OER



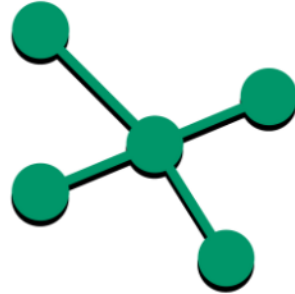
Reuse

use the resource
in a variety of
ways, as it
currently exists



Remix

combine two or
more OERs to
create a content
mashup



Redistribute

share the original,
revised, or remixed
OERs



Revise

adapt, modify,
and improve the
resource to fit
your needs



Retain

make, own, and
control your
copies of the
content

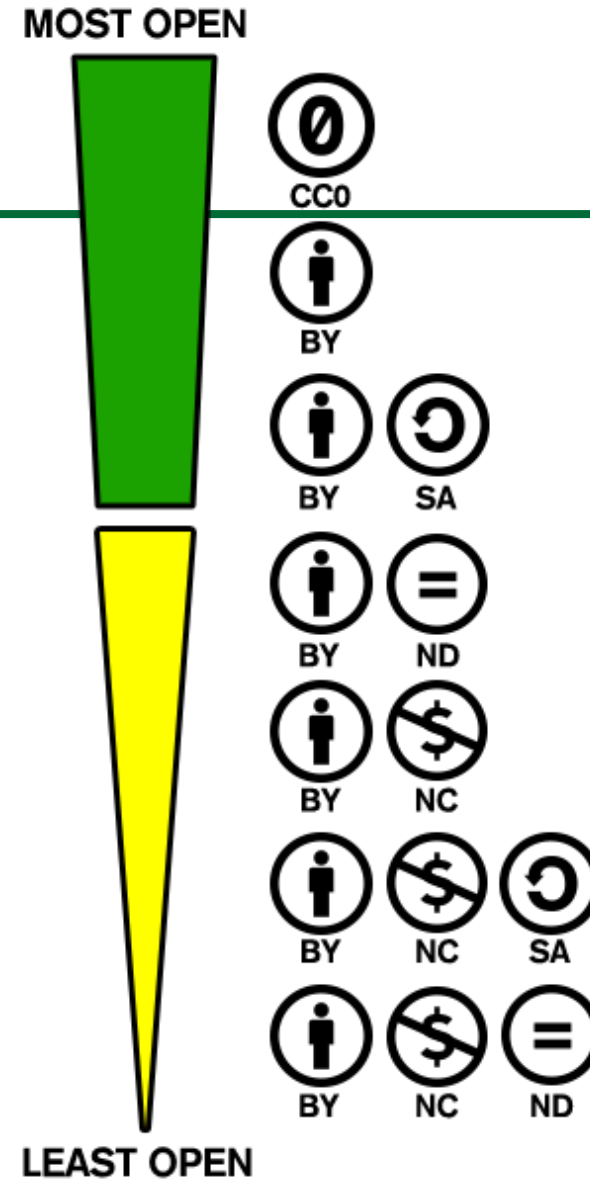
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Ok, but where can I find these things?

...so many places!



Repositories



FIND
OER

GET
SUPPORT

EVENTS

SUBMIT
AN OER

SUBMIT
UPDATED
FILE(S)

IMPACT

ABOUT

CONTACT

LOGIN /
REGISTER

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Welcome to the Open Library

The home of Open Educational Resources (OER) in Ontario

 Search Resources...

SEARCH

Or browse all educational resources >



1,954 Resources in the Open Library
8,365 Activities in H5P Studio

<https://openlibrary.ecampusontario.ca/>



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Other Repositories

- [BC Campus](https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/uottawaoerdisciplineneversion2/)
- OER by Discipline:
<https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/uottawaoerdisciplineneversion2/>
- Google Doc (updated 2020)
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pLL2D2bYz6cV8xOCS4h7ERpWTksYO55CkJ3EmXpgEFw/edit#gid=0>

OER by Discipline Guide

University of Ottawa

version 2.0 – June 2022



Diverse Image Repositories



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- [Images of Empowerment \(women's lives and work\)](#)
- [The Gender Spectrum \(Vice\)](#)
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- [Disabled and Here Collection](#)
- [AllGo \(Plus Size Office Workers\)](#)
- [Open Peeps \(avatars & characters\)](#)
- [#AnthroIllustrated \(diverse anthropologists\)](#)
- **[Diverse Human Anatomy \(videos + images\)](#)**



Creation & Adaptation Tools

Focus on two main ones
(supported at St. Clair
College & others)



Pressbooks

- eCampusOntario Open Library
- Available for all eCampusOntario member institutions
- Pressbooks workshop **TOMORROW** (Tuesday March 4 @ 12pm)



H5P

- eCampusOntario
- H5P workshop
TOMORROW
(Tuesday March 4 @
3:30pm)



Others Tools/Platforms?

- OER Commons (Open Author)
- WordPress
- YouTube
- Flickr
- Social Media / TikTok



Personal OER Highlights

- <https://pressbooks.com/open-education/our-favorite-pressbooks-books-of-2022/>

Our Favorite Pressbooks Books of 2022



Things to **Consider**



- Curriculum Alignment
- Quality & Accuracy



- Audience Relevance
- Student Engagement



- Licensing and Permissions
- Web Content Accessibility

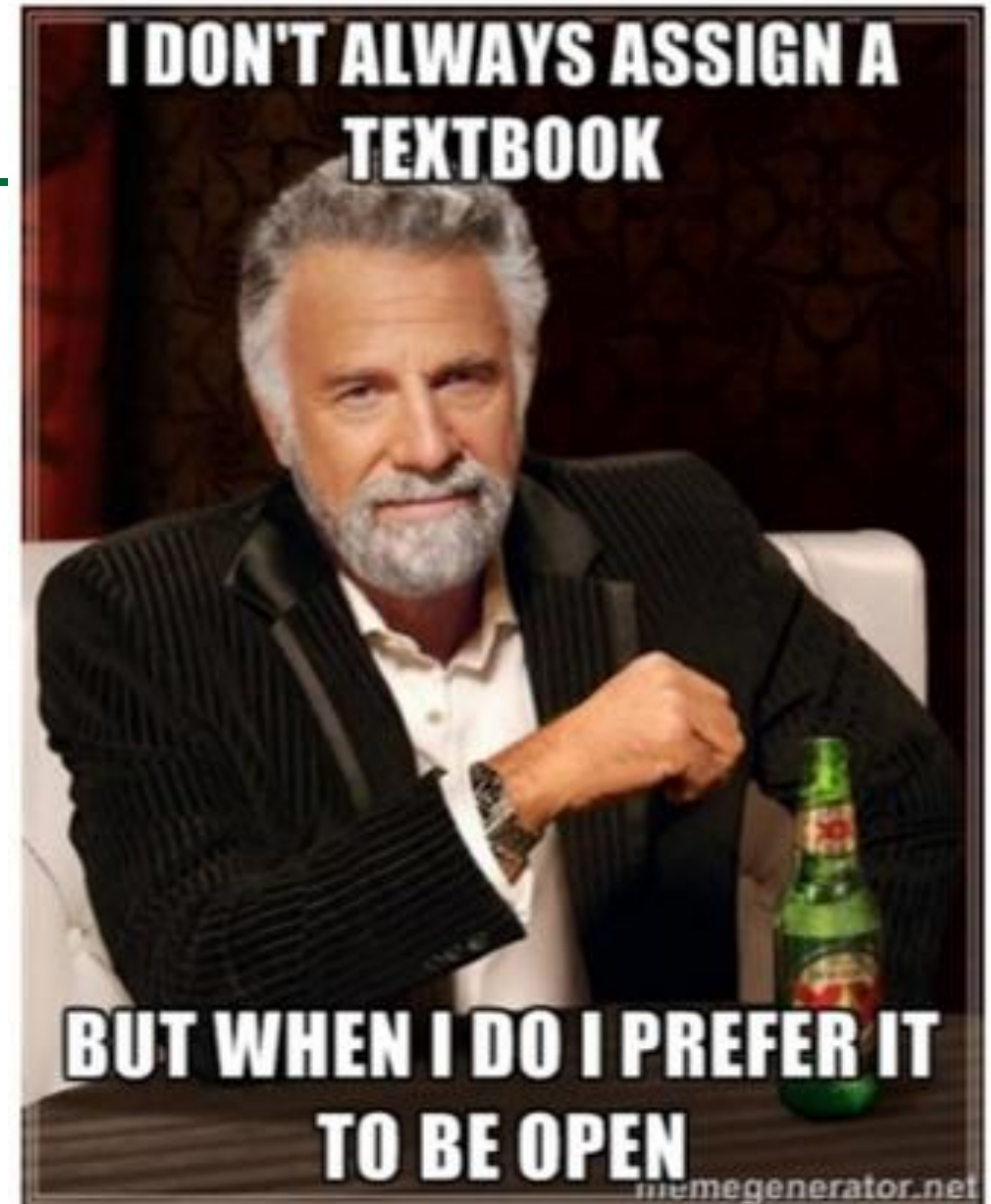


- Platform Integration



Benefits to Students

- Lower Cost
- Ease of access
- Greater engagement
- **Potential for co-creation?**



Benefits to Instructors

- Adopting:
 - Alternatives to publisher texts
 - Alternatives to multiple texts across platforms
- Adapting
 - Use for your own context
 - Control over content
 - Current and Relevant
 - Easier to update than publisher texts
 - **Involve students?**



Ways to get started

- Connect with your Teaching & Learning Centre (CAE @ St. Clair College)
- Connect with your Librarians
- Talk to your colleagues
- Explore the repositories for relevant resources
- Explore resources/training opportunities



Thank you

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