

Using OER to re-open education

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching materials, such as textbooks, for which copyright restrictions are minimized with an open-copyright license.

Covid-19 is challenging.

Working from home is challenging.

Switching to and learning how to teach online is challenging.

OER can help. Here's how.



Save instructors time and money:

- No need to gain permission – or pay – to use, print, distribute OER
- Easy to circulate among an unlimited number of students



Cash-strapped students save money:

- Online versions are free to students (and instructors)
- No access code needed
- No expiration date



Ideal for working from home:

- OER is available in multiple formats, including:
 - Online
 - Within the LMS
 - Print
 - Downloaded for offline viewing



Grants freedom in a time of constraints:

- May use without fear of copyright infringement
- Can change content to suit student needs, teaching method, curriculum
- Can update with more inclusive and diverse examples



Fights isolation:

- Everyone can be included for content additions, updated, improvements
- OER can be used as an agent of change for diversity, equity, inclusion



How to get started:

- Check out the [WTCS OER User Guide](#)
- [Explore OER used across the WTCS](#)
- Ask your librarians and instructional designers for a consultation

