### What are OERs?

**Freely Available**
Most are legal to copy, adapt, and redistribute semester after semester.

**Open**
"Open" means openly licensed, meaning they are in the public domain or the copyright holder has abridged rights to eliminate barriers to access/use/derivative works.

**CC Licensed**
Often contains a creative commons license. Check each resource for use rights.

### Why are OERs and other types of affordable content important?

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### Affordable content beyond OERs

**Library-subscribed resources**

**Open access content**
Such as ScholarWorks@GSU scholarworks.gsu.edu

**Creatively**

**Develop**
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**Use**
Library resources in place of text
Open Educational Resources


2. California Open Online Library for Education
   - www.cool4ed.org

3. OER Commons - www.oercommons.org

4. OpenStax - https://openstax.org

5. Open Textbook Library - https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks

6. Open Textbook Network - https://research.cehd.umn.edu/otn

7. Creative Commons Search
   - https://search.creativecommons.org

8. edX - https://www.edx.org

9. BCcampus Open Ed - https://open.bccampus.ca

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