DECOLONIZING THE TEXTBOOK
DESCOLONIZAR EL LIBRO DE TEXTO:
OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES IN SPANISH
RECURSOS EDUCATIVOS ABIERTOS

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WHAT ARE OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES?

From UNESCO:

Open Educational Resources are teaching, learning or research materials that are in the public domain or released with an intellectual property license that allows for free use, adaptation, and distribution.

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/access-to-knowledge/open-educational-resources/>

THE FIVE RS

Retain

Reuse

Revise

Remix

Redistribute

“Open” permissions are typically defined in terms of the “5R’s”: users are free to Retain, Reuse, Revise, Remix and Redistribute these educational materials.”

<http://sparcopen.org/open-education/>

CREATIVE COMMONS LICENSES

FIGURE 2: THE SIX VARIATIONS OF THE CC LICENCES

OER: NOT JUST TEXTBOOKS

Image courtesy of Jeremy Smith and Marilyn Billings, UMass, Amherst

MISCONCEPTIONS OF OER

- Free versus open
- Not just textbooks
- You get what you pay for
- Students expect textbooks
- It takes too much time to implement
- Loss of intellectual freedom
- Just moving everything online

WHY OER?

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WHY US?

Librarians are trained to find and evaluate information - a useful skill

The library is the intellectual hub or nexus of campus - this way, the effort doesn't only live in certain departments and the entire campus is supported in their efforts

When students don't buy their books, they often come to library to help fill in the gaps

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO SUPPORT OER?

Congress funded a \$5 million open textbook grant program in the FY18 omnibus appropriations bill

<https://sparcopen.org/what-we-do/active-policy/>

Open policy milestones in the USA and Brazil

<https://sparcopen.org/news/2018/open-licensing-policy-milestones-u-s-brazil/>

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Mason OER Metafinder

https://mason.deepwebaccess.com/mason_MasonLibrariesOpenEducationResources_5f4/desktop/en/search.html

State Initiatives

Oregon, California, Virginia ... others!

Campus Initiatives

University of Massachusetts Amherst

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Welcome!

The WSU Library is committed to educational innovation and student-centered best practices. In Fall 2016, we launched the **WSU Library Open Educational Resources Initiative (OERI)** to foster instructional effectiveness while lowering costs for students. From the Spring 2017 to the Spring 2018 semester, we awarded twenty six \$1,000 mini-grants to faculty who redesigned their courses using open educational resources. To date, we have saved students over \$55,000! The Initiative continues with our fourth call for applications for mini-grants for courses scheduled to run during the Fall 2018 semester.

The Application for Fall 2018 courses is closed.

- Learn about [Open Educational Resources](#)
- Explore [Open Content Repositories](#)
- Learn about previous OERI mini-grants: [Previous Round \(Spring 2017 Courses\)](#), [Previous Round \(Fall 2017 Courses\)](#), [Previous Round \(Spring 2018\)](#)

The WSU Library Open Educational Resources Initiative has been made possible through the generous support of [Reach Out for Schools](#), the WSU Provost's Office, the WSU Graduate School, and the WSU Library.

<http://libguides.worcester.edu/oeri>

EN ESPAÑOL

Español abierto

<http://espanolabierto.org/>

OER Commons example (from a WSU colleague!)

<https://www.oercommons.org/courses/open-educational-resources-for-spanish-classes-advanced-spanish-composition-ii>

Humboldt State University

<http://libguides.humboldt.edu/openedu/span>

Concordia University

<http://libguides.cu-portland.edu/OER/spanish>

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OER is great, especially for students

Build a community

Support from administration is key

Reach out any time! I love talking about OER.

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