Finding Open Educational Resources

Search Tips and Resource Suggestions
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Searching for OER can be overwhelming

- How do you know where to start?
- What is the most effective method of searching?
Cool4Ed

- CSU, UC, CCC
- **Showcase reviews** quick place to look before extensive search
- Does not have extensive selection
- Thorough reviews by California faculty
- Already passed accessibility; includes detailed report
● Extensive list with information on actual classes - institution, course, materials, instructor

● Links to materials and further information

● Contact information of instructors so you can ask questions
A Few Good Repositories

- https://textbooks.opensuny.org/
- https://openstaxcollege.org/
- https://courses.candelalearning.com/catalog/lumen
Take a few minutes to search.
Searching OER Repositories or Collections

Search Tips

- Keyword searching is often limited
- Browse by discipline/subject matter
University of Minnesota’s
Open Textbook Library

- High quality collection
- New books added frequently
- Reviews available
BC Campus
OpenEd

- High quality collection
- Reviews available
- Specialized content
Take a few minutes to search.
The Power of Limiters

- Use limiters to narrow down resources
- Discipline/subject
- Audience or education level
- Material type - textbook, module, assessment
- License type or conditions of use
Easy to search and narrow results

Search by discipline

Creation tools available
Take a few minutes to search.
1. Go to **advanced search** (search in Google, look under settings, bottom of page)
2. Type in keywords
3. Narrow results by usage rights
4. Choose “free to use, share, or modify”
5. You will need to verify license and determine exact **terms of use**
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