## Effective Methods of Searching for OER Materials

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## **Session Outcomes**

- Participants will be able to successfully search for OER resources using a variety of search tools and search strategies
- Participants will be exposed to and will be able to use one or more curatorial tools to assist in gathering and organizing OER materials.

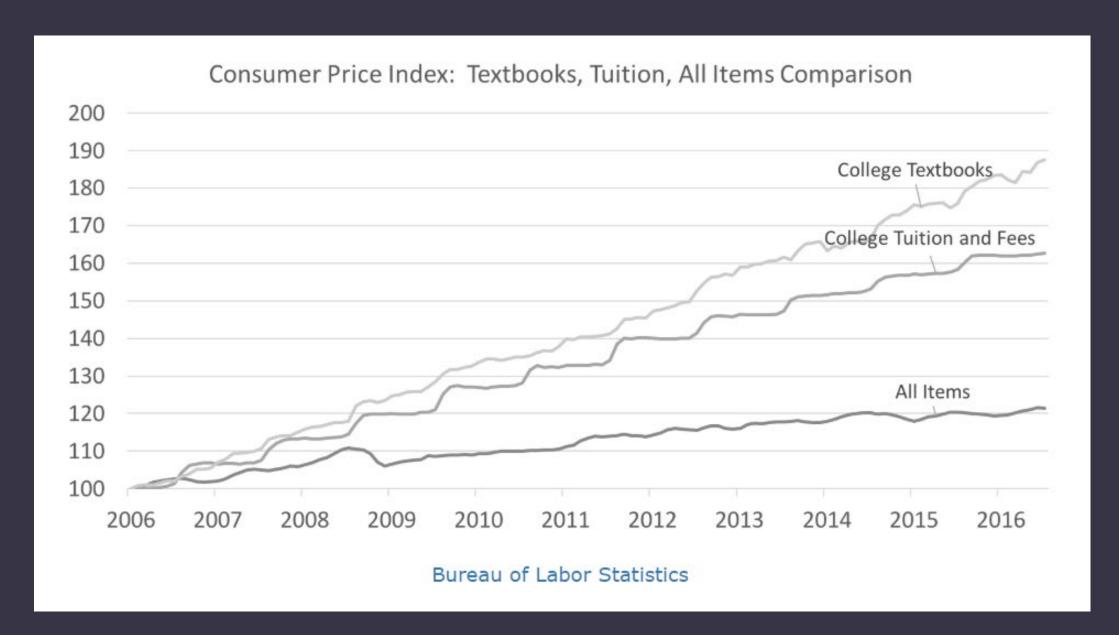
## What does OER Mean?

## Open Educational Resources (OER)

UNESCO Definition: teaching, learning and research materials in any medium, digital or otherwise, that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits no-cost access, use, adaptation and redistribution by others with no or limited restrictions.

## Why Use OER Materials

- OER has been shown to increase student learning while breaking down barriers of affordability and accessibility. (Feldstein et al., 2012)
- According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, 7 in 10 students didn't purchase a textbook because it was too expensive.
- 1 in 5 students has bypassed a course due to the cost of materials (Cengage, n.d.)
- The cost of textbooks is rising at a rate four times that of inflation
- 60% of students have delayed purchasing textbooks until they've received their financial aid.



## The 5Rs of Open Education Resources

- Retain the right to make, own, and control copies of the content.
- Reuse the right to use the content in a wide range of ways (e.g., in a class, in a study group, on a website, in a video)
- Revise the right to adapt, adjust, modify, or alter the content itself (e.g., translate the content into another language)
- Remix the right to combine the original or revised content with other open content to create something new (e.g., incorporate the content into a mashup)
- Redistribute the right to share copies of the original content, your revisions, or your remixes with others (e.g., give a copy of the content to a friend)



#### Retain

You can keep the work forever



#### Reuse

You can use the work for your own purpose



#### Revise

You can adapt, modify, or translate the work

#### The 5 R's of Open Education

## WHAT IS AN OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE (OER)?

"For Free and Without Requesting Permissions"



#### Remix

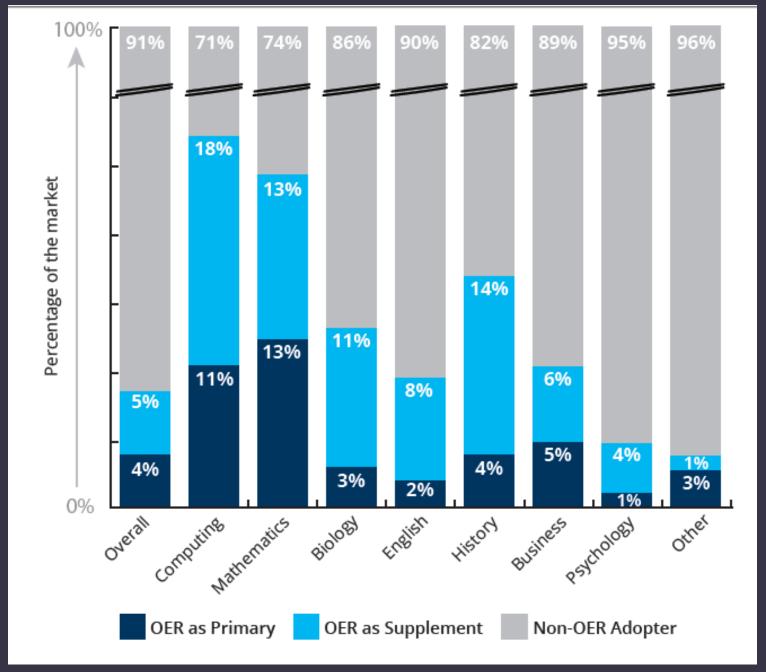
You can combine it with another resource to make a new work



#### Redistribute

You can share the work with others

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Cengage. (n..d.) Open educational resources (OER) and the evolving higher education landscape. Retrieved from http://assets.cengage.com/pdf/wp\_oer-evolving-higher-ed-landscape.pdf

## Effective Ways to Find OER Materials

### Search OER Textbook Databases

Search Subject Specific or non-textbook
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#### Search OpenStax

**Search MOM** 

Conduct a CC search in Google

Search the Canvas Commons

## Open Textbooks Collections

- Open Stax College (Affiliated with Rice University)
- Open Textbook Library (Affiliated with U of Minnesota)
- BC Campus Open Ed (Province wide resource)
- Galileo (Affiliated with U of George System)
- Orange Grove (Florida's OER Repository)
- Saylor Open Textbooks (Open Flat World Books are included here)
- College Open Textbooks (Focus on years 13-14)

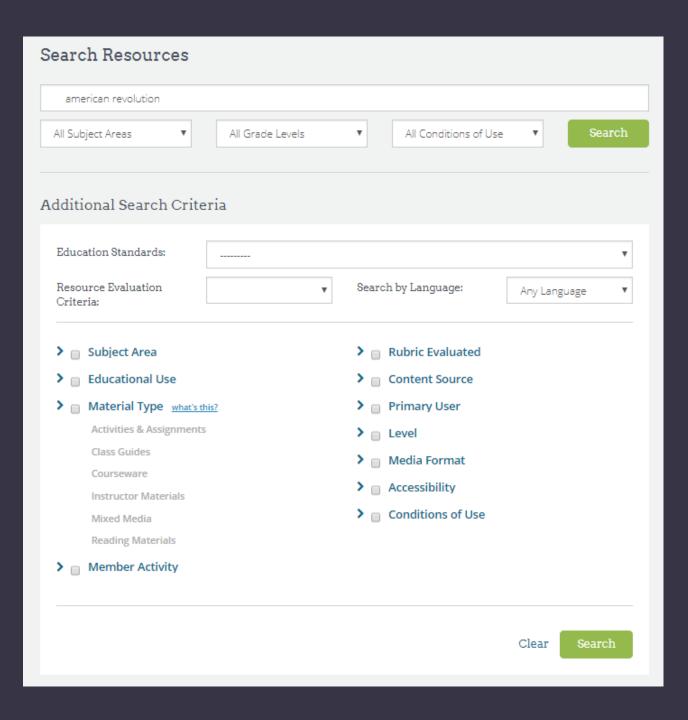
## Non-textbook OER databases

- BC Campus OER by Discipline Guide
- Mason OER Metafinder (MOM) (a project of George Mason U)
- MERLOT (one of the original databases)
- OASIS (project of SUNY & CUNY)
- OER Commons

# Searching via OER Commons

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## Select Advanced Search



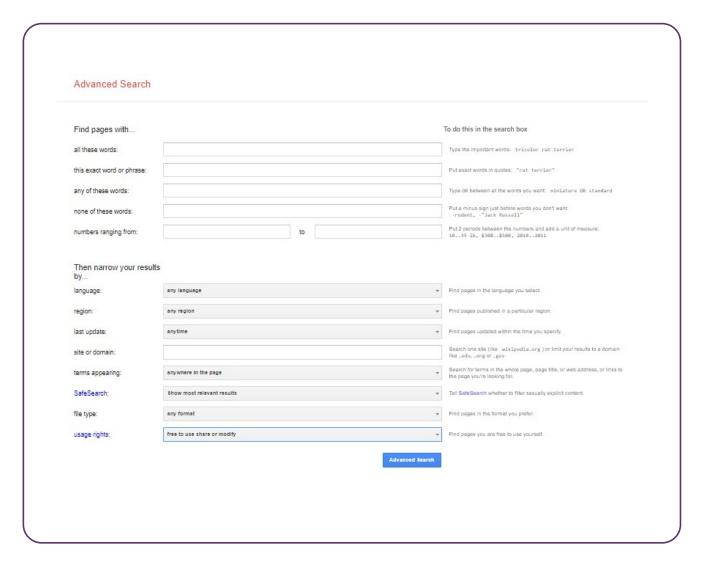
## Creative Commons Search Tools

- Creative Commons Search Beta
- Google Search (delimited)

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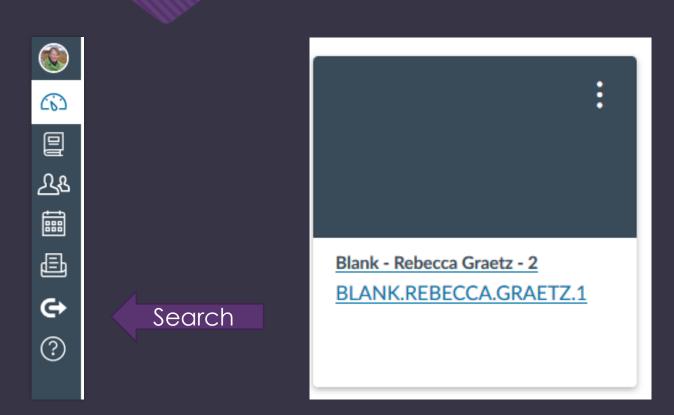
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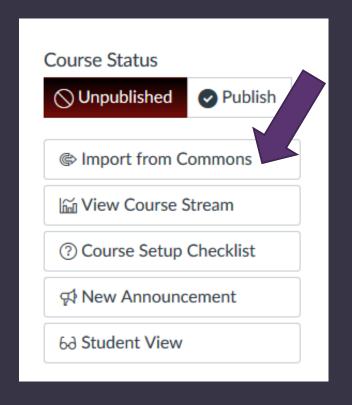


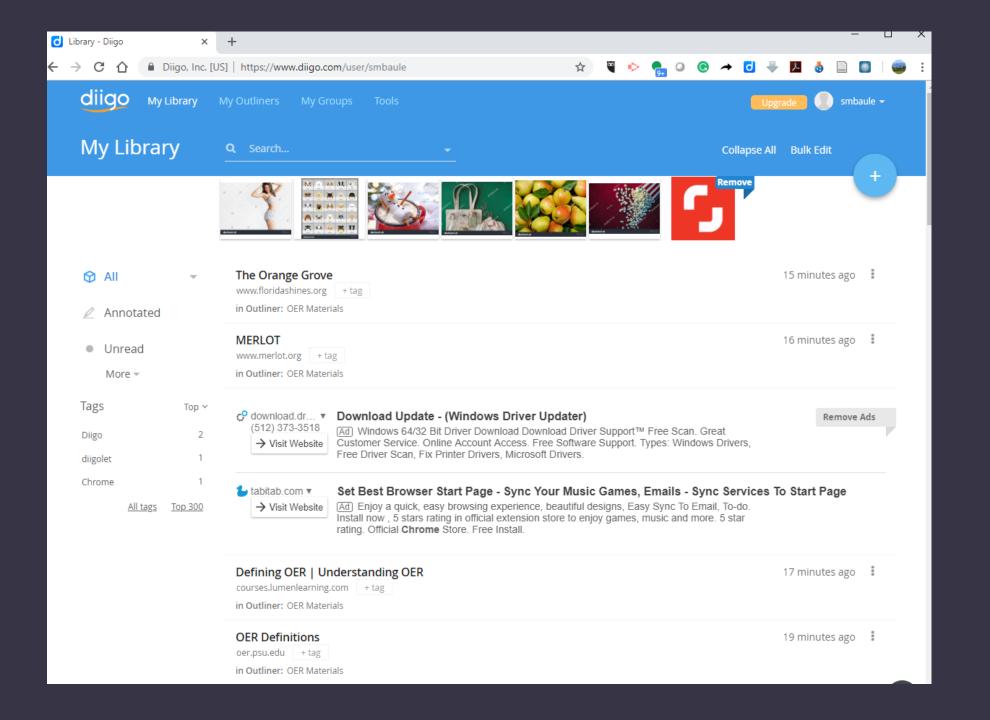
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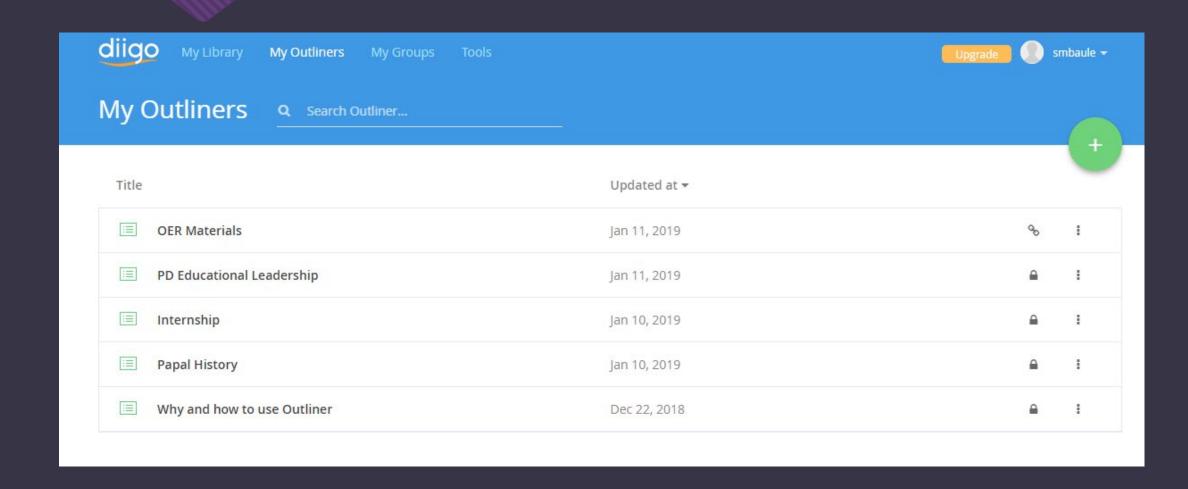
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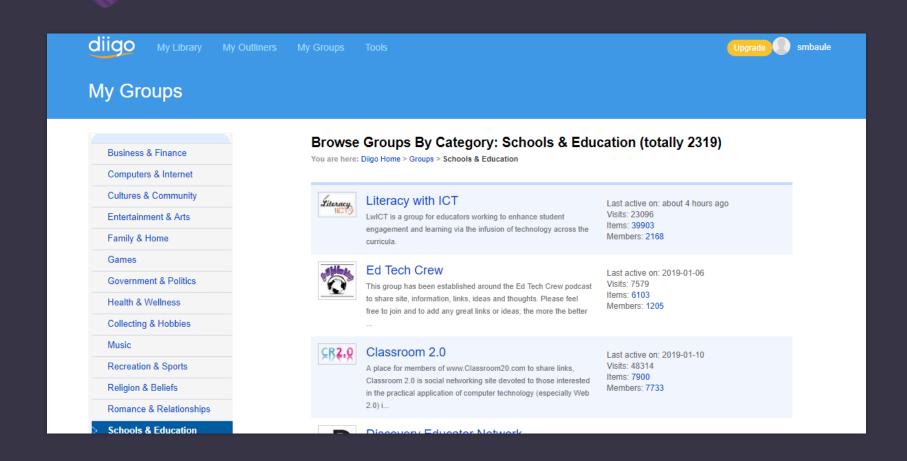


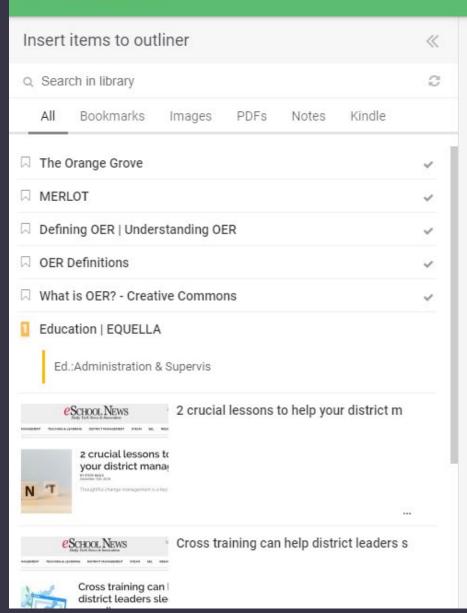


## My Outliners



## Diigo Groups (Pre-curated links)





- · OER Definitions
- What is OER? Creative Commons
- OER Definitions Penn State
- Defining OER | Understanding OER OER Services
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- Why Use OER Materials?
- Online\_Learner\_Readiness\_Rubric.pdf
- · Benefits of Using OER

"OER has been shown to increase student learning while breaking down barriers of affordability and accessibility. Feldstein et al. (2012) conducted a research study at Virginia State University, where OER were implemented across nine different courses in the business department. Researchers found that students in courses that used OER more frequently had better grades and lower failure and withdrawal rates than their counterparts in courses that did not use OER.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, 7 in 10 students didn't purchase a textbook because it was too expensive.

One in five college students has skipped or deferred a class due to the price of the required learning resources.

The cost of textbooks is rising at a rate of 4 times inflation

60% of students have delayed purchasing textbooks until they've received their financial aid."

- A Review of the Effectiveness & Perceptions of Open Educational Resources As Com...
- · OER Repositories
- MERLOT
- The Orange Grove

## The Diigo Outliner for this Presentation

- Online Instruction
  - https://www.diigo.com/outliner/git4z9/OnlineInstruction?key=0arfjq2aw1

## Exported Diigo Library (via \*.csv)

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4	Defining OER   Understanding OE	https://courses.lumenlearning.com/suny-oercommunityco	no_tag				1/11/2019 17:38		
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## Guides to OER Materials

- Concordia University Portland Library
  - http://libguides.cu-portland.edu/OER/home
- Consortium Library University of Alaska System
  - https://libguides.consortiumlibrary.org/OER/searchstrategy
- Forsyth Library, Fort Hayes State University
  - https://fhsuguides.fhsu.edu/OERs
- University of Illinois Library
  - https://guides.library.illinois.edu/oer (particularly the Evaluate OER section)
- University of Oklahoma Libraries
  - https://guides.ou.edu/OER
- University of South Carolina Libraries
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