Key Things to Know about Open Education Resources (OER)

OERs CAN BE

Course Materials  Open Textbooks  Videos  Lesson Plans  Software  Games

Full courses, learning objects, tests or any other tools, materials, or techniques that support access to knowledge.

BENEFITS FOR FACULTY

- Increases student retention by reducing costs
- Assures academic freedom to modify or add content to your specifications
- Extends your academic profile
- Provides more relevant and engaging materials for your students

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- Low cost or free
- Easy to find and access -- even before classes start
- More customised and relevant

MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING 5Rs

REUSE: Content can be reused in its unaltered form
REVIEW: Content can be adapted, adjusted, modified or altered
REMAKE: The original or revised content can be combined with other content to create something new
REDETERMINE: Copies of the content can be shared with others in its original, revised or remixed form

5R: Reuse, Review, Revise, Remake, Redeem

SOME FACTS

82% Textbook costs rose 23% between 2003 and 2013
65% of students report NOT purchasing a textbook because of its high price

Since 2012, Open Textbooks have saved BC postsecondary students over $500,000

4X the rate of inflation in overall consumer prices (CPI) during the same time

HUNDREDS of textbooks have already been adopted across Canada by faculty!

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