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
- **REVISION**: Content can be adapted, adjusted, modified or altered
- **RETOUR**: Users have the right to make, archive, and "own" copies of the content
- **REMIX**: The original or revised content can be combined with other content to create something new
- **REDISTIBUTE**: Copies of the content can be shared with others in its original, revised or remixed form

**SOME FACTS**

- 82% Textbook costs rose 82% 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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