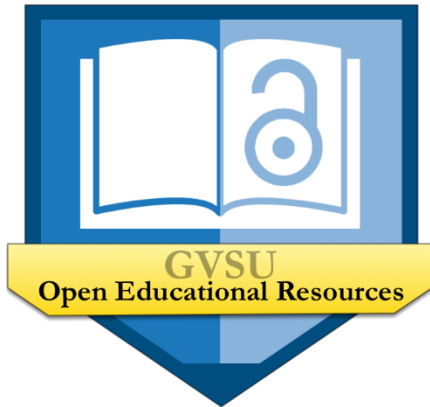# Open Educational Resources
At Grand Valley State University

OER = Free + Permissions

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching and learning materials – often textbooks, but also lesson plans, assessments, and learning objects – which are **Open:** they are **free** to access, with **permissions** to modify, reuse, and share the materials.

OER can often be identified by a Creative Commons license[1]: a standardized statement from the OER's creator, granting users the permission they need to modify, reuse, or share the work.

Why do OER matter?

Open Educational Resources:

- allow immediate access to course materials from the first day of classes
- can be customized and remixed to meet local needs or enable high-impact teaching
- support retention and student success by removing financial barriers
- empower faculty to share their scholarly teaching expertise with a global audience
- make education more accessible, more sustainable, more flexible, and more effective

Accelerating OER: Funding Opportunities for Fall 2023

- OER Review Stipend: $200 for reviewing an OER in the Open Textbook Library
- OER Development Minigrant: $500 for costs associated with an OER project
- Remix/Revise Stipend: $1000 for adapting an OER or revising your own content
- Open Textbook Authoring Stipend: $3000 for creating a new Open Textbook
- FTLC Sandbox Innovation Grant: $500 for adapting a course to use OER

Learn more about the Accelerating OER Initiative and apply online:
www.gvsu.edu/library/acceleratingOER

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[1] To learn more about Creative Commons licenses, visit https://creativecommons.org/about/cclicenses/, or contact Matt Ruen, Scholarly Communications Outreach Coordinator, at ruenm@gvsu.edu.

GVSU OER By the Numbers:

During Academic Year 2022-2023:

- At least 50 courses used OER in some or all sections, saving Lakers an estimated $720,000
- Learners around the world downloaded GVSU-authored OER over 91,000 times

Get Started!

Discover OER For Your Classes

The Open Textbook Library: high-quality OER with reviews by educators.
https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks
OER Commons: OER for K-12 and higher education with readings, activities, & more.
https://www.oercommons.org/
OASIS: search across 100+ indexes and collections of OER. https://oasis.geneseo.edu/

Create and Share OER

Grand Valley Pressbooks: a free, library-supported platform for creating and remixing open textbooks. User-friendly and built for accessibility! https://pressbooks.gvsu.edu/
Authoring Open Textbooks: ideas and information for planning and creating OER.
https://press.rebus.community/authoropen/
The Rebus Community: an online community for OER creators to learn, share, and collaborate.
https://www.rebus.community/

Learn About Open Pedagogy

Open Pedagogy Approaches: explore case studies from educators who used OER to engage students as co-creators of knowledge. https://milnepublishing.geneseo.edu/openpedagogyapproaches/

Questions? We can help!

The **Libraries' OER Curator** can provide a customized list of potential OER for a class. Submit a request: http://gvsu.edu/s/22U
Liaison Librarians can help you find OER & other zero-cost materials:
https://www.gvsu.edu/library/librarians
Library Publishing Services support OER creation with publishing tools and resources: email scholarworks@gvsu.edu
Instructional Designers can help you integrate OER into effective online teaching:
https://www.gvsu.edu/idel/
The **Digital Studio** team supports faculty creating interactive and multimedia OER:
www.gvsu.edu/elearn/ds
The **Pew Faculty Teaching & Learning Center** offers learning opportunities, grants, and resources for using OER in effective teaching. https://www.gvsu.edu/ftlc
The **Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence** offers grants and sabbaticals which can provide the time and resources to develop an OER. https://www.gvsu.edu/csce/