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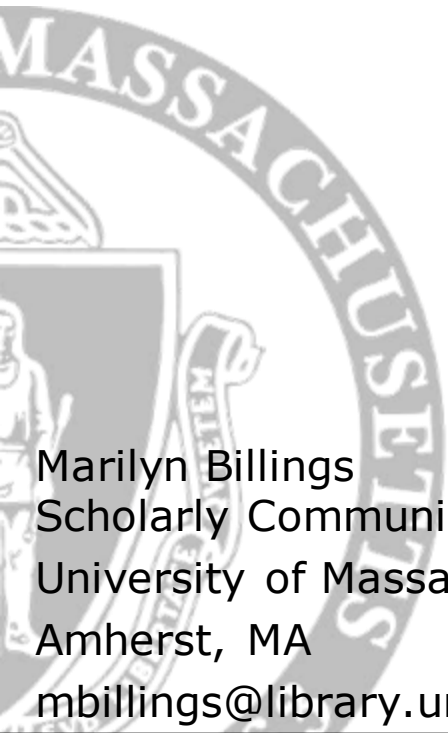
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Beginnings

- Open Access Weeks, 2009 and 2010
 - Awareness

- Sept 21, 2010 event
 - Education

- Publicity / Buy-In

- Resources
 - Scholarly Communication Office
 - OER LibGuide

OER Events During OA Weeks 2009 & 2010

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2009 Open Access Week

Open Educational Resources

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Start Date
22-10-2009 10:00 AM

End Date
10-2009 11:00 AM

Using Open Educational Resources in the Classroom



<http://scholarworks.umass.edu/oa/2010/oct19/3/>



2010 Open Access Week

Open Educational Resources: Teaching Material for the Public Good

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1320, W.E.B. Du Bois Library

Start Date
19-10-2010 12:00 PM

End Date
19-10-2010 1:00 PM

Description

An open discussion about the OER movement, which offers materials for all to use freely. Learn how instructors can re-mix, repurpose and redistribute materials while saving students money. We will hear from UMass faculty who have successfully used OERs and touch on issues raised at the 9/21 event "How Can a Textbook be Free: Keeping Higher Education Affordable with Open Resources." Lunch included. RSVP requested to mcharney@library.umass.edu. Drop-ins also welcome.

University OER Event on September 21

<http://scholarworks.umass.edu/oer/>

Open Educational Resources Event



Open Educational Resources (OER) is a relatively new movement in education; educators and learners as well as learning institutions are driving its development. OER provides an alternative to the rising costs of education. For example, in some countries like South Africa, some educator and learners are tapping into OER as the only source for textbooks. OER provides an opportunity to try new ways of teaching and learning, many of which are more collaborative and participatory.

Some educator are using OER as a way to get students more involved, using the OER process as a way to collaborate with them on content creation. This process brings students into a larger context of learning and sharing knowledge beyond the four walls of their classroom.

Flexibility is a key concept in OER. Materials can be adapted for your specific needs. Because these materials can be searched by a wide variety of criteria, you can quickly find what you specifically need.

Browse the contents of Open Educational Resources Event:

[2010, How can a Textbook Be Free? Keeping Higher Education Affordable With Open Resources](#)



More pictures about event are available at:
http://scholarworks.umass.edu/oer_images/

Publicity

- Local newspapers
- Campus news
- **Buy-In**
 - Faculty Senate
 - Office of Faculty Development
 - Provost's Office

Resources

Scholarly Communication LibGuide: <http://guides.library.umass.edu/scholarlycommunication>

Overview Author Rights Open Access Publishing Models Citation Impact Copyright Fair Use History at UMA

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Scholarly Communication Resources

- SPARC**
The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition is an international alliance of academic and research libraries that work together to stimulate the emergence of new scholarly communication models that expand the dissemination of scholarly research.

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Scholarly Communication

Scholarly communication is an umbrella term that describes the many ways in which scholars and researchers share their work:

- Publishing in print and electronic journals
- Archiving their work in digital repositories or on subject-specific websites
- Using email listserv mailing lists and online communities
- Creating new venues for dissemination, especially online

Currently, the field of scholarly communication is undergoing major changes, as open access and copyleft philosophies have begun to impact scholars' attitudes about sharing their work in a major way.

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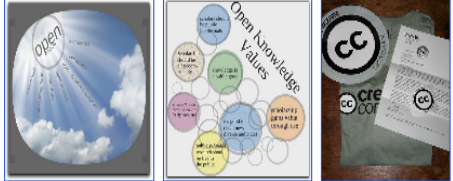
Types of OERs

- Learning objects, units, textbooks, scholarly articles
- IRRODOL.org
- Multimedia content (Flash, etc.)
- Courses, programs, and programs
- Tools, FOSS

[Athabasca University](#), [Carleton Open University](#)
Open Educational Resources from Open Access Week - AthabascaU on Vimeo.

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Quick Guide



What are Open Educational Resources (OER)?

Open Educational Resources are educational materials and resources offered freely and openly for anyone to use and under some licenses to re-mix, improve and redistribute.


Open Educational Resources include:

- Learning content: full courses, course material, content modules, learning objects, collections, and journals.
- Tools: software to support the creation, delivery, use and improvement of open learning content including searching and organization of content, content and learning management systems, content development tools, and online learning communities.
- Implementation resources: Intellectual property licenses to promote open publishing of materials, design-principles, and localization of content.

Why OER?

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