Locating and Using OER
OpenOKState and Pressbooks

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Good morning! Thank you for joining us to discuss how to locate and use Open Educational Resources. Today's conversation will explore, in particular, how this process can be undertaken through OpenOKState and Pressbooks.

What

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning, and research materials intentionally created and licensed to be freely accessed, shared, retained, and in many cases, modified at no additional cost to the end user.

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Why

Increased access to meaningful learning opportunities, facilitation of innovative pedagogies and democratization of knowledge creation.

"Here Comes Everybody"
Finnegans Wake

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Many scholars and researchers view use of OER as a way to increase access to meaningful learning opportunities and democratize the knowledge creation process. Use of OER can also facilitate use of innovative pedagogies. In my Intro to Creative Writing class as well as my Composition classes, I was able to use alternative sources to prevent my students from having to pay $60 for a textbook that was going out of print, and it was a really awesome opportunity to incorporate tools like Hypothes.is to facilitate community among my students both online and face to face, which I will talk about more later on if you'd like to join my panel!

How

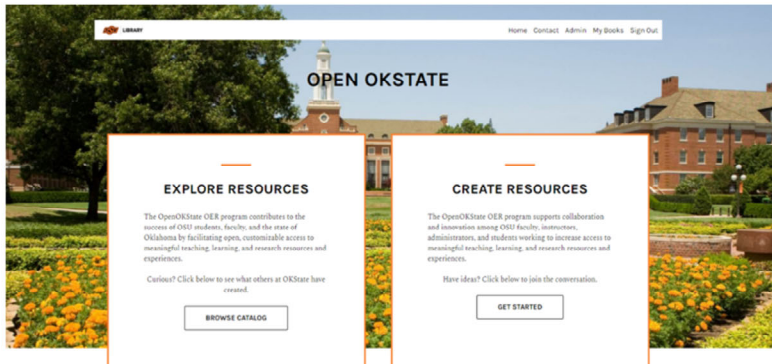Open Textbook Library

OER Commons

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Creation and use of OER is a collaborative, iterative process. A great way to begin is to locate OER which have already been created and are in use at other institutions. The Open Textbook Library, OER Commons, OpenStax and PressbooksEdu are great places to start. Come back later, if you like, and use the QR code on this page to find your way to those and other platforms. In today's presentation we will experiment specifically with locating OER published using PressbooksEdu

OpenOKState and PressbooksEdu

The Oklahoma State University Libraries and OpenOKState provide an instance of PressbooksEdu to support the use, modification and creation of OER. Use the QR code or navigate to open.library.okstate.edu to see a bit of what is happening with OpenOKState. The PressbooksEdu creation and publication platform is built on WordPress, which means works published there are easily customizable and simple to share out. The platform exports resources in several file types which can be used across a variety of devices. The PressbooksEdu OER community is also very strong and active, which is great if you feel like you are tramping through the woods on your own. You can find others to help you know where you are going.

Pressbooks Directory

https://pressbooks.directory/

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We're going to leave the slides for a moment and show you around the Pressbooks Directory site. You are welcome to navigate there now to follow along, or watch and listen for now – we will come back to this slide to give you a chance to grab the link for your own journey.

Let's take a couple of minutes to explore how to use the Pressbooks Directory to find work you might use for your own scholarship and teaching. Follow the QR code or click on the link to begin your own search, and we can all hang out together, answer each other's questions, and collaborate to help each other design even more meaningful learning environments and experiences. Thank you!

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