## OER, Textbook Affordability & the Library

**Open Educational Resources (OER)** are teaching, learning, and research materials that have been released under intellectual property licenses that allows for both their free and open use and repurposing by others. OER can include course materials, textbooks, streaming videos, and any other resource that can be used to support open access to knowledge.



## Why OER?

- High quality, open textbooks, often written by professors like you, are already available and being used in many universities.
- Adoption of OERs can save money for students and ensure that they all have access to vital course materials.
- The State of Colorado created an OER Council tasked with creating a report advocating for funding for and providing recommendations on expanding the adoption of OERs in public institutions of higher education.

## What about Textbook Affordability?

The Library may have your textbook or course readings on our shelves or online. We can put it on course reserves or add a link to your course for your students to access. Want us to check? Contact your subject liaison librarian or email refdesk@uccs.edu

## What can I do?

Check out the Library's OER and Textbook Affordability Guide!

http://libguides.uccs.edu/oer