



The New Normal: Using OER to re-open education

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and repurposing by others. OER include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials, or techniques used to support access to knowledge.

COVID-19 is hard.

Working from home is hard.


Switching to and learning how to teach online is hard.

OER can help. Here's how.



Saves instructors time and money:


- No need to gain permission - or pay - to use, print, or distribute OER
- Easy to circulate among an unlimited number of students

 Visit and join the **OER Community Site** - where Minnesota State employees can find OER resources.



Students save money:


- Online versions are free to students and instructors
- No access code needed
- No expiration date

 Participate in an **OER Learning Circle** and get help redesigning your course around OER.



Ideal for teaching and learning from home:

- OER is online
- Printed options available

 Access, load, and search for OER materials on the Minnesota State repository: **Opendora**.



Grants freedom in a time of constraints:

- May use without fear of copyright infringement
- Can change content to suit student needs, teaching method, curriculum



Participate in an **OTN Webinar** to learn about Creative Commons, OER, and earn a \$200 stipend for reviewing an open textbook!



Fights isolation:

- Everyone can be included for content additions, updates, improvements
- OER can be used as an agent of change for diversity, equity, and inclusion



Join **Koffee with Karen: OER Community Conversations** for OER discussions with colleagues.



OER Community Site - The location for Minnesota State faculty and staff to find OER resources, news, and information on Z-Degrees, Opendora, events, OER guides, and more!



Opendora - Access, load, and share OER materials.



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