

# BCOER

LIBRARIANS



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# Librarians & Open Education Resources



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# Participation

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## BC Postsecondary Institutions and BCcampus



University  
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# Mission

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*BCOER is a group of B.C. Postsecondary librarians working together to support the use of quality Open Educational Resources (OER).*



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# BCOER Hackfest



OER Awareness was identified as a key need. Talking points for an advocacy poster and ideas for librarian professional learning were discussed.

We tested an assessment rubric for OER repositories. 40 science repositories were evaluated.



# BCOER Project: Advocacy Poster



**BCOER**

This poster is a creation of the BCOEYE, a group of BC postsecondary librarians working together to support the use of quality Open Educational Resources (OER). For more information about BCOER and its activities, go to [open.bccampus.ca](http://open.bccampus.ca)

**OPEN CAN BE**

- Course Materials
- Open Textbooks
- Video
- Lesson Plans
- Software
- Games

Full courses, learning objects, tests or any other tools, materials, or techniques that support access to knowledge.

**BENEFITS FOR FACULTY**

- Increases student retention by reducing costs
- Assess academic freedom to modify or add content to your specifications
- Extend your academic profile
- Provides more relevant and engaging materials for your students

**BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS**

- Low cost or free
- Easy to find and access — even before classes start
- More customized and relevant

**MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING 5R**

- Reuse:** Content can be reused in its unaltered form.
- Revise:** Content can be adapted, adjusted, modified or altered.
- Remix:** The original or revised content can be combined with other content to create something new.
- Redistribute:** Copies of the content can be shared with others in its original, revised or remixed form.
- Retain:** Users have the right to make, archive, and "own" copies of the content.

**SOME FACTS**

- 82%** Textbook costs rose 82% between 2008 and 2013
- 65%** of students report NOT purchasing a textbook because of its high price
- Textbook cost savings for BC students since 2012: **\$352,988**
- 4X** the rate of out-of-line or overpriced books (XRP) during the same time
- HUNDREDS** of textbooks have already been adopted across Canada by faculty!

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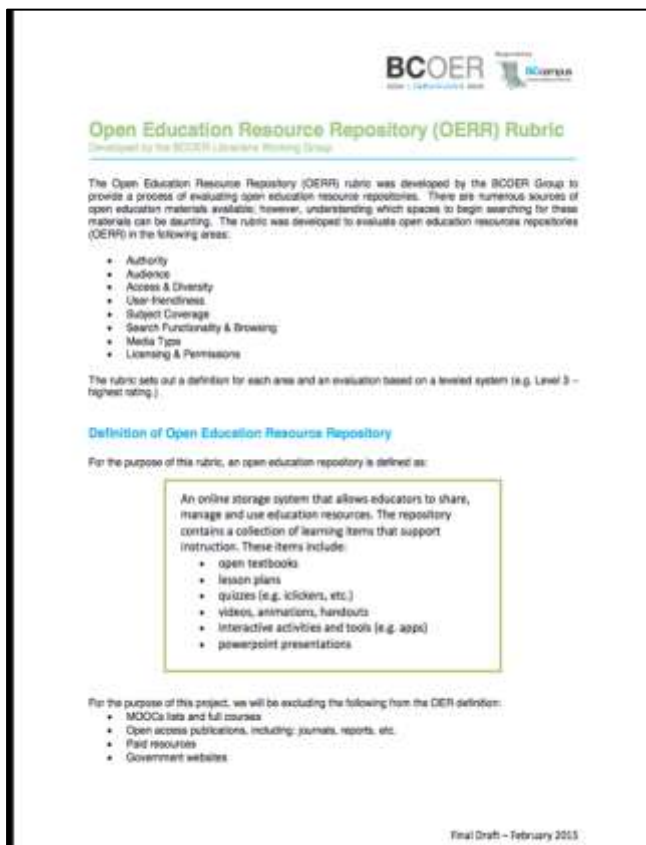
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A poster was develop with talking points to engage faculty in conversations. It is an OER made available on [open.bccampus.ca](http://open.bccampus.ca)

# BCOER Project: OER Assessment Rubric



The screenshot shows a document titled "Open Education Resource Repository (OERR) Rubric" developed by the BCOER Literacy Working Group. It includes a list of evaluation criteria: Authority, Audience, Access & Diversity, User-Friendliness, Subject Coverage, Search Functionality & Browsing, Media Type, and Licensing & Permissions. It also provides a definition of an OER repository and lists exclusions for the project.

**BCOER** BCcampus  
Open Education Resource

## Open Education Resource Repository (OERR) Rubric

Developed by the BCOER Literacy Working Group

The Open Education Resource Repository (OERR) rubric was developed by the BCOER Group to provide a process of evaluating open education resource repositories. There are numerous sources of open education materials available; however, understanding which spaces to begin searching for these materials can be daunting. The rubric was developed to evaluate open education resource repositories (OERR) in the following areas:

- Authority
- Audience
- Access & Diversity
- User-Friendliness
- Subject Coverage
- Search Functionality & Browsing
- Media Type
- Licensing & Permissions

The rubric sets out a definition for each area and an evaluation based on a leveled system (e.g. Level 3 – highest rating.)

### Definition of Open Education Resource Repository

For the purpose of this rubric, an open education repository is defined as:

An online storage system that allows educators to share, manage and use education resources. The repository contains a collection of learning items that support instruction. These items include:

- open textbooks
- lesson plans
- quizzes (e.g. iClicker, etc.)
- videos, animations, handouts
- interactive activities and tools (e.g. app)
- powerpoint presentations

For the purpose of this project, we will be excluding the following from the OER definition:

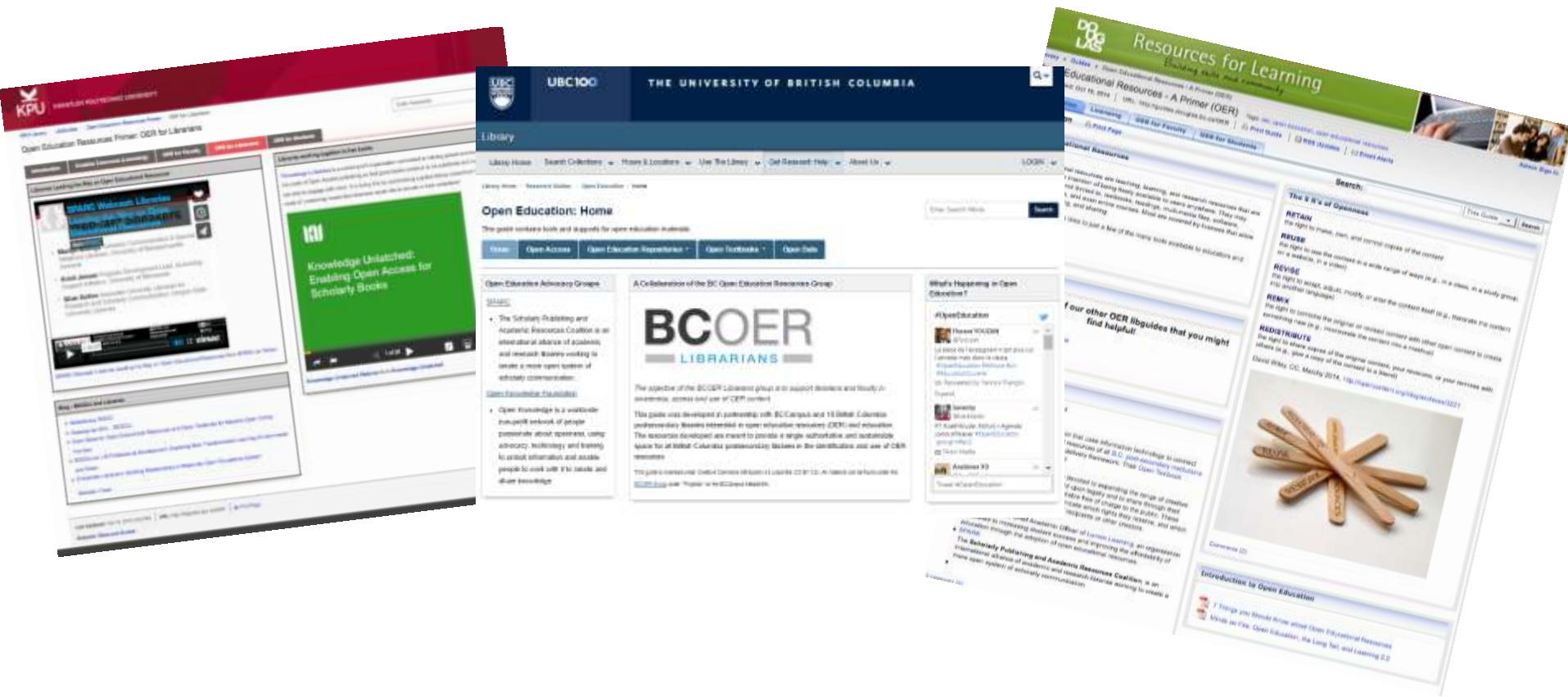
- MOOCs lists and full courses
- Open access publications, including: journals, reports, etc.
- Paid resources
- Government websites

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The OER Repository rubric developed and tested at the Hackfest is now available on [open.bccampus.ca](http://open.bccampus.ca).



# BCOER Project: Subject Guides



These OER Primer Libguides were developed by a team of BCOER librarians. The links are available on [open.bccampus.ca](http://open.bccampus.ca)

# BCOER Project: Librarians & OER Event



# BCOER Project: Web space

STUDENTS | FACULTY

## Find

a Textbook

Find

Search our collection of open textbooks. The curated collection aligns with the [top 40 subject areas in BC](#). Many of these textbooks have been [reviewed and vetted by BC post-secondary faculty](#).

FACULTY

## Adopt

a Textbook

Adopt

Let us know if you have [adopted an open textbook](#). Or, if you are looking for resources on how to adopt a textbook, we have some resources to help.

▸ BCOER Professional Learning

▸ BCOER Guides

▸ BCOER Tools

## Modify

a Textbook

Modify

Take advantage of the open textbook [Creative Commons license](#) and customize an open textbook to fit your specific needs. Here are some resources to help you modify an existing open textbook.

Student Savings: **\$634,407** Adoptions: **141** Participating Institutions: **14**

# BCOER: Community feedback



## Thinking session on identifying OER Challenges



Awareness

Discoverability

Quality & Longevity of OERs

Licensing – understanding CC

Resistance to Change

Knowing about Opportunities

<http://bcoerguides.wikispaces.com/ETUG+Spring+Workshop+Session>

# BCOER: Connecting & Sharing



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# Upcoming Events



BCcampus Webinars  
March 9 - 14



Open Textbook Summit  
May 28 & 29



May 20 - 22



Spring Workshop June 4 & 5

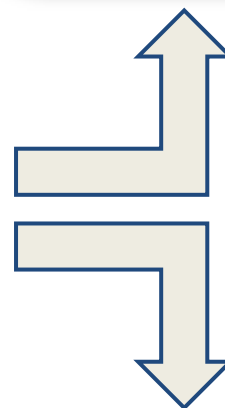


April 22 - 24

# Future Projects



Currently exploring & testing a collaborative space to develop/maintain OER subject guides



# More Project Ideas

- Develop more pro-d opportunities in variety of modes (e.g. f2f, webinar, podcast, self-serve resources)
- Host a resource sprint for/by librarians
- Facilitate an OER librarians community of practice





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