SUPPORTING THE USE OF OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Open Educational Resources (OER) are gaining traction in colleges and universities to reduce the cost of learning for students, facilitate the dissemination and update of knowledge, and support easy access to learning materials.

The Leganto course resource list solution is designed to support the use of OER:

OER in resource lists: Leganto allows instructors to create course resource lists comprised of all types of resources, including resources from the library collection, OER, and other openly available resources. Instructors have control over the content that they use in courses and can use the content that best fits their needs.

Resource recommendations: Library staff, peer instructors, and other partners can recommend OER for course resource lists. Instructors can view recommendations (including a note from the recommender) and add OER directly to their lists.

Creative Commons licensing of lists: Instructors can assign a CC license to their reading list, potentially making the list itself a new OER. Instructors can choose to share their reading lists with other instructors within the institution or share them more broadly.

Harvesting OER: The Leganto CiteIt! tool enables instructors to harvest OER into their lists from a variety of OER sites such as Open Textbook Library, OER Commons, and OpenStax. Metadata from the source page, including the CC License information, is automatically transferred into Leganto.
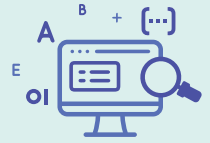
Defining Open Educational Resources (OER)

The following widely accepted definition of OER was created by David Wiley, Chief Academic Officer of Lumen Learning, and Education Fellow at Creative Commons*:

The terms "open content" and "open educational resources" describe any copyrightable work that is either (1) in the public domain or (2) licensed in a manner that provides users with free and perpetual permission to engage in the 5R activities:

Retain: The right to make, own, and control copies of the content (e.g., download, duplicate, store, and manage)

Reuse: The right to use the content in a wide range of ways (e.g., in a class, in a study group, on a website, in a video)

Revise: The right to adapt, adjust, modify, or alter the content itself (e.g., translate the content into another language)

Open Access indicator on library search: The Primo Central Index and the Summon Index include several OER collections such as Open SUNY, OpenStax, and Open Textbook Library, as well as many additional Open Access collections. These collections are discoverable in Leganto alongside all the library-owned and library-subscribed content. An Open Access indicator in Leganto highlights Open Access search results and allows instructors to filter search results for Open Access material.

Leganto OER Roadmap

Automated OER Recommendations: Leganto will automatically scan OER collections that the institution has activated in the Ex Libris discovery index and suggest relevant resources to instructors.

OER indicator on library search: An OER indicator in the Ex Libris discovery index will highlight OER search results and allow filtering by OER.

Remix: The right to combine the original or revised content with other material to create something new (e.g., incorporate the content into a mashup)

Redistribute: The right to share copies of the original content, your revisions, or your remixes with others (e.g., give a copy of the content to a friend)

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