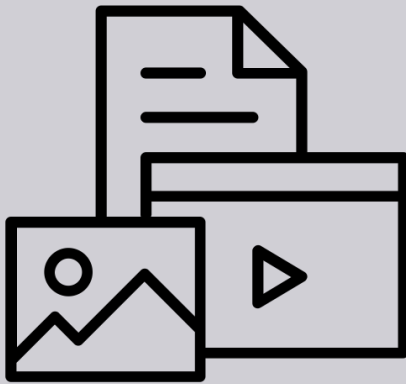


# Welcome to the Open Library

The home of Open Education in Ontario



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## What are Open Educational Resources?

**OER (Open Educational Resources)** 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. (SPARC)

## Where can I find OER?

There are many places so start searching for OER, but if you're an Ontario educator, try starting with the **eCampusOntario Open Library**. The Open Library has hundreds of openly-licensed resources specifically selected for Ontario post-secondary educators, and Ontario educators add new resources to the library every month. Resources in the library are adopted and reviewed by Ontario educators. Open Library resources are available in multiple formats, and many of the textbooks can be printed-on-demand for a low cost.

<https://openlibrary.ecampusontario.ca>



# Three ways to engage with Open Educational Resources

## ADOPT

Find an open resource that can supplement or replace your existing textbook. Open Textbooks can be printed on-demand and often include ancillary resources such as test banks or slide decks.

## CUSTOMIZE

OER can be customized to meet your teaching and learning needs. Remove unwanted sections, add local content or new information, or integrate your own teaching materials.

## CREATE

Create a new teaching resource or add an open license to a resource you've already created. The library is open to submissions from all Ontario post-secondary educators.

## Writing OER with Pressbooks

Pressbooks is an online creation tool that you can use to create resources that are accessible on all platforms: in print and digital, including all smartphones, tablets, ereader devices, and computers.

OER created with Pressbooks can integrate multimedia elements, such as interactive quizzing or videos, while still having a printable format that can be professionally bound.

**As an Ontario educator, you have access to a free Pressbooks account through eCampusOntario.**

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