**OER Search Tools**

OERs (Open Educational Resources) are educational materials, in numerous formats, that are either free or available at a nominal cost and can be used, shared, revised, or combined with other materials, within the guidelines of the exact licensing selected by the originator(s) of the materials.

There are a number of search tools available to anyone who is interested in open educational resources. They can be used to identify OERs for use in teaching, or for assistance in development of such resources by educators. Some organizations have been formed for the purpose of promoting OERs and helping educators make use of them.

* **Open Textbook Library** <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks>
* Can be used by teachers to find textbooks to use and/or to submit textbooks they are using or have developed, for use by other educators.
* Searchable by subject, keyword. Books can be downloaded. Conditions of use are specified. Formats available are indicated, including:
* Ebook
* Pdf
* Online
* Xml
* Odf (Open Document Format)
* MARC records can be downloaded.

Subjects include:

* Business
* Computer Science
* Information Systems
* Programming Languages
* Education
* Curriculum & Instruction
* Distance Education
* Early Childhood
* Elementary Education
* Higher Education
* Secondary Education
* Engineering
* Humanities
* Journalism, Media Studies & Communications
* Law
* Mathematics
* Medicine
* Natural Sciences
* Social Sciences
* Student Success
* Explains criteria for OER. Includes an FAQ section.

**Open Education Network**

This is an active community of higher education leaders that works together to build sustainable open education programs.

* 120 Members
* 1,147 Campuses
* 2,500 Faculty

**Annual Community Fee**

OEN membership is sustained by an annual Community Fee, effective July 1-June 30 of the membership year.

* **OASIS** <https://oasis-database.org/>

**(Open Accessible Summaries In Language Studies)**

* The OASIS initiative aims to make research findings on language learning and teaching available and accessible to a wide audience. OASIS summaries are accessibly-written one-page descriptions of research articles on language learning, language teaching, and multilingualism that have been published in peer-reviewed journals listed on the Social Science Citation Index or the Arts and Humanities Citation Index. The summaries provide information about the study’s goals, how it was conducted, and what was found, and are written in non-technical language. Where relevant, they also highlight findings that may be of particular interest to language educators. The summaries are generally approved, and often (co-)written, by the author(s) of the original journal articles.
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1) research shows these findings do not reach stakeholders easily; and

2) research shows that academic publications are increasingly more difficult to read and understand for people outside the field.

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Subjects include:

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* Biology
* Comparative Media Studies/Writing
* Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
* Global Languages
* Linguistics & Philosophy
* Management
* Materials Science and Engineering
* Mathematics
* Mechanical Engineering
* Nuclear Sciences & Engineering
* Physics
* Urban Studies and Planning
* Harvard-MIT Program in Health Sciences and Technology
* **Google Advanced Search** <https://www.google.com/advanced_search>

Can be used to identify OER by the use of search terms, including the phrase “open educational resource.” Yields a healthy number of results.

* **YouTube**

Mostly retrieves videos of webinars and the like that explain OERs to educators who might be interested in using them.