FINDING AND USING OPEN ACCESS CONTENT

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WHAT IS OPEN ACCESS (OA)?

- Works that are available freely online
- No or fewer copyright/licensing restrictions
- Not the same as public domain
- Dependent on copyright-holder consent
- Diminishes barriers to information
KINDS OF OA CONTENT

- Research articles
- Books/textbooks
- Open educational resources (OER)
- Images
- Videos

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FINDING OA RESEARCH ARTICLES

- Directory of Open Access Journals: https://doaj.org/
- Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/
AUTHOR MANUSCRIPT VERSIONS

- Post-peer review
- Pre-publication
- Same content
- Different formatting
WHAT ARE OERS?

- Open educational resources
- Quality content authored by experts, faculty members
- Many topics and levels
- 5 R’s: users are free to
  - Retain
  - Reuse
  - Revise
  - Remix
  - Redistribute

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FINDING OA BOOKS AND OERS

- Open Textbook Library: https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/
- OER Commons: https://www.oercommons.org/
- The Orange Grove: https://www.floridashines.org/orange-grove
- MERLOT: https://www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm
- Teaching Commons: https://teachingcommons.us/

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FINDING OA IMAGES

- Advanced Google Image Search: https://www.google.com/advanced_image_search
- Wikimedia Commons: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page
- PowerPoint built-in “Online Pictures” feature
FINDING OA VIDEOS

- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/
- TED: https://www.ted.com/watch/ted-ed
OA VS. PUBLIC DOMAIN
CREATIVE COMMONS

- Global non-profit organization
- Free, easy-to-use copyright licenses
- https://creativecommons.org/licenses/
MORE?

- USA Library Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/usahslibraries

- NEW Open Access library guide: https://library.usa.edu/open-access


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