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Supporting students with open textbooks dartgo.org/textbooks

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Overview

- Introductions
- What problems are we trying to address?
- What are OER and how can they help?
- How can you find open textbooks and other OER?
- Guides for adapting and creating OER
- Q&A

Introductions

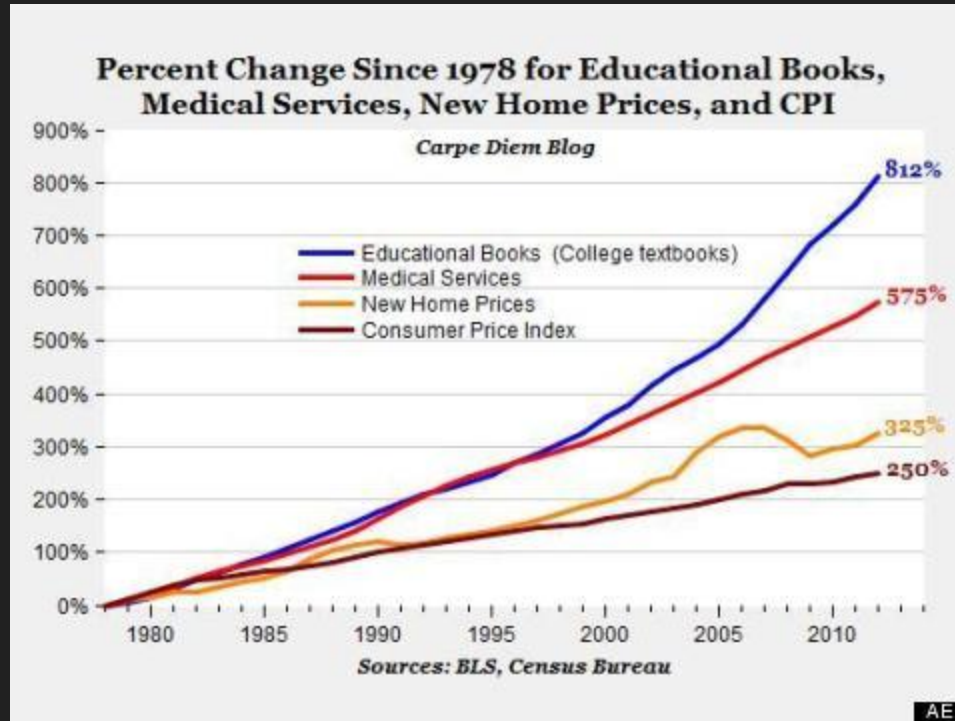
Who are we?

Who are you?

Why are you interested in
learning about open
textbooks?

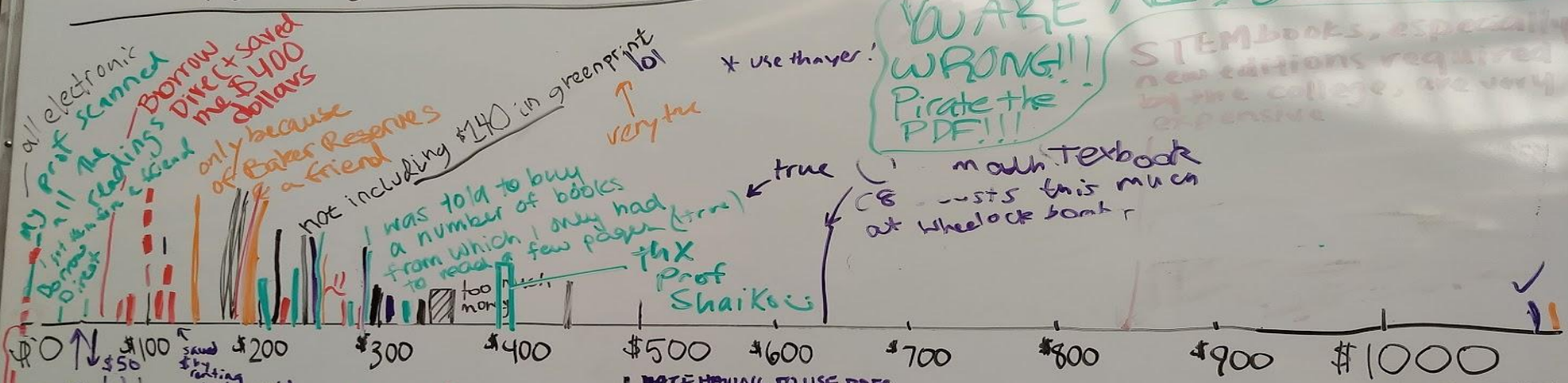
What are the problems
with conventional
textbooks?

Textbook Affordability



HOW MUCH MONEY DID YOU SPEND ON TEXTBOOKS FOR WINTER TERM?

#oeweeek



YOU ARE ALL DOING IT WRONG!!
 Pirate the PDF!!!

\$0 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$300 \$400 \$500 \$600 \$700 \$800 \$900 \$1000 OR MORE

would have been hundreds but I search for free versions every term
 Borrowdirect is my friend.
 I don't
 saved \$100 by not buying but would have been more
 same (x2)

Google every book for PDFs!

I HATE HAVING TO USE PDFS AND RESERVES WHEN MY WEALTHY CLASSMATES HAVE BOOKS AT THEIR CONVENIENCE

TOO DAMN MUCH I SPENT ON TEXTBOOKS THIS SCHOOL HAS A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR ENDOWMENT + YET CAN'T BUY BOOKS FOR STUDENTS...

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON TEXTBOOK COSTS!

#oeweek

IF YOU HADN'T SPENT THAT MONEY ON TEXTBOOKS, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE USED IT FOR?

Necessities
New laptop
charger +
plane ticket home

La Mer

Anything else

fun stuff

Food
Student loans

Phone bill

visa application fee

savings

hedgehog!!! or makeup
fent

Cocaine
Food

Disaster relief for Puerto Rico

An entire afternoon at Blips & Chitz

tuition

Bitcoin & cash

KAF

two wands
new computer
Food

Rent

coffee and other beverages

Socks

Makeup
A gold mine in Tanzania

Meals on Main St

studies

New Blanket

wine

wine

FOCO

Kiehl's

Hi Baker Berry!!

puppies

garlic oil

Pampering my neopets!!

PAYING MY LOANS
ticket surprise

foreign oil

Student Loans

yes!!!

Other factors

- Temporary access to rentals
- Inaccessibility of print-only resources
- Relevance and representation
- Textbook costs are not the biggest cost barrier to students, but it is the one you can control

Why now?

- Increased cost barriers
- Shipping delays
- No access to usual workarounds
 - Print copies from library/reserves
 - Sharing copies with classmates
 - BorrowDirect

“Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning and research materials in any medium that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits no-cost access, use, adaptation and redistribution by others.”

- [UNESCO](#)

What are OER?

- Materials for teaching, learning, and research
- OER range from textbooks to curricula, syllabi, lecture notes, assignments, tests, audio, video and animation.
- Anyone can legally and freely copy, use, adapt, and re-share

Examples of OER

- [Textbook](#)
- [Slides](#)
- [And many more!](#)

Finding open textbooks

Open Textbook Library: <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks>

OER Commons: <https://www.oercommons.org/>

OASIS: <https://oasis.geneseo.edu/>

I can't find an open textbook.

- Contact Stephen for help with your search
- Use library resources
- Adapt or combine existing OER
- Create your own

Adapting existing OER

- Choose to include or exclude certain chapters
- Customize examples
- Add content
- Combine materials from two or more OER
- Share your new content!

Resources

[Modifying an Open Textbook](#)

Creating new OER

Can be anything! (Slides, quizzes, labs, videos...)

Resources

[Authoring Open Textbooks](#)

[The Rebus Guide to Publishing Open Textbooks \(So Far\)](#)

[Creative Commons](#)

[Rebus Community](#)

How can librarians help?

- Choosing which tool to use to search for textbooks
- Helping you search
- Understanding terms of an open license

Optional topics

- Licensing/Creative Commons
- OER beyond textbooks
- Subject searches
- Effects of textbook costs on student success
- Anything else?

Questions?

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