



## Open Education Resources (OERs)



- OERs represent “education materials that are in the public domain or introduced with an open license,” usually a Creative Commons (CC) license, meaning anyone can legally and freely copy, adapt, re-share, and use those resources (United Nations, 2017)
- In Louisiana, the LOUIS library consortium has been able to save over 40,000 students as much as \$4.8 million across the state!
- The use of OERs in the state is highly supported and endorsed by the Affordable Learning LOUISiana initiative with the support of the BOR
- OERs, open textbooks, and open access materials ensure equitable and timely access to critical course materials from the first day of class
- The average student can expect to pay at least \$1,250 for textbooks and course materials alone – never mind tuition
- As part of a survey of Louisiana college students, LOUIS determined that 7 out of 10 students did not buy critical course texts because of the cost
- A recent national study revealed that 30% of college students are homeless
- Faculty who use OERs are ensuring that their students have equitable and timely access to critical course materials
- Faculty are also allowed more flexibility and creativity in their courses through the use of OERs
- OERs also allow faculty to create their own resources, using licensed materials, which can represent a way to share their work with a global audience
- OERs can be updated and developed more easily than traditional course texts and materials
- OERs represent student-driven, multimodal learning opportunities