

# Open Education Resources

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## Welcome to the SBVC Open Educational Resources (OER) Website

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"Open Educational Resources (OER) are any type of educational materials that are in the public domain or introduced with an open license. The nature of these open materials means that anyone can legally and freely copy, use, adapt, and re-share them. OERs range from textbooks to curricula, syllabi, lecture notes, assignments, tests, projects, audio, video, and animation" (Definition by [UNESCO](#)).

In spring 2016, SBVC faculty and students voted in the affirmative to support faculty use of high quality open educational resources to reduce the cost of textbooks and supplies for students. The SBVC Associated Student Government placed on the ballot an OER initiative and the SBVC Academic Senate passed [SP16.01 Textbook Affordability and Open Education Resources](#) resolution. In fall 2016, SBVC was awarded an OER grant per the stipulations of the [College Textbook Affordability Act of 2015](#) which incentivizes CCC and CSU campuses to reduce costs for college students by encouraging faculty to adopt high quality open educational resources.

The [California Open Online Library for Education](#) website is maintained by the three state of California higher education systems to provide faculty direct access to peer reviewed OER instructional materials.

This SBVC OER website curates OER instructional materials and support services for SBVC faculty, students, and staff. The use of quality free and low cost instructional materials by faculty give all students the opportunity to succeed from the start of the semester and onward.

Embedded in the OER movement is the belief that education is not a privilege reserved for the few who can financially afford it but a human right for all who desire to pursue it.

Commit to making a difference in reducing the cost of instructional materials for SBVC learners through the use of high quality open educational resources. Explore this SBVC OER website.

Visit the California State University (CSU) **Affordability Learning Solutions (ALS)** initiatives at <https://als.csuprojects.org/>



“Openly licensed educational resources can increase equity by providing all students, regardless of zip code, access to high quality learning materials that have the most up-to-date and relevant content.” – John King,

Former Secretary of Education 2016

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