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\$20M Saved on Textbook Costs for Washington Community & Technical College Students



According to data from SBCTC Data Services, in FY 21-22, 5,290 class sections used OER, with 57,857 students enrolled. Additionally, 3,264 class sections used low-cost materials, with 37,431 students enrolled, leading to \$10 million in savings for students. For FY 22-23, including data from Summer 22 to Winter 23, nearly 6,000 class sections utilized OER, enrolling 71,000 students. Additionally, over 4,000 class sections adopted low-cost materials, with close to 50,000 students enrolled, resulting in estimated student savings exceeding \$12 million. Combined, in just two years, our system has saved students over \$20 million in textbook costs. See our OER & Low-Cost [labeling policy](#). Contact [Boyoung Chae](#) with any questions.

Lake Washington Institute of Technology completed its Second Year of OER Funding



Lake Washington Institute of Technology completed its second year of OER Development Funding (total spend \$9870), with 8 faculty members finishing the Intro to OER workshop and homework. 13 faculty members participated in larger projects to develop OER to be directly used in their teaching. Visit

[LWTEch's OER Canvas](#) site for the completed projects. Contact [Katherine Kelley](#) with any questions.

Meet Renton Technical College's OER Heroes



Renton Technical College is producing a [video series](#) that showcases its [OER Heroes](#) and their remarkable OER projects, which they have accomplished through the [OER Mini-Grant](#) Program. This program empowers instructors by providing them with training and support to enhance student learning through the adoption, adaptation, or creation of Open Educational Resources. The inaugural OER Hero interview highlights William Cram, the program lead and instructor for RTC's two-year CSI program. Contact [Di Zhang](#) with any questions.

Renton Technical College OER Librarian Shares Best Practices at OEN Engage



On July 12, Renton Technical College's OER Librarian Di Zhang participated in a panel at [OEN Engage](#), convened by the Open Education Network, to share the best practices for hosting successful [OER adoption workshops](#). Key insights: Scaffold for all levels, invest in professional development, and know

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your audience's priorities. Contact [Di \(Day\) Zhang](#) with any questions.

Clover Park Technical College Hosts OER Institute 2023 (And You are Invited)



Clover Park Technical College is excited to announce the upcoming [virtual faculty institute](#) for OER, on August 11th-12th, 2023. This no-cost event features keynote presentations from internationally recognized professionals, as well as breakout sessions on a range of topics, including finding OER, accessibility in OER, open licenses, prof/tech OER opportunities and challenges, and a panel discussion on OER and librarians. The event will be held virtually via Zoom and all sessions will be recorded. Contact [Geoff Gain](#) with any questions.

WA Open Education Support Group Offers Online Discussion Channel and Monthly Meet-Ups

Join the newly formed Open Education support group for [monthly Zoom meet-ups](#) to discuss topics related to open education. The group includes members such as librarians, instructional designers, accessibility experts, and teaching faculty. The group has also created a [Discord channel](#) for ongoing discussion and connection about open education in Washington state. Contact [Ryer Banta](#) or [Greg Bem](#) with any questions.

OER of the Month: OERigin Stories, Interviews with Six Women of Color in Open Education



[OERigin Stories: Pathways to the Open Movement](#) edited by Ursula Pike presents interviews with six women of color, leaders in the Open Education Movement. Pike asked each woman to detail her pathway into the Open Education Movement, how her identity intersects with Open, the future of the movement, the benefits of Open Education, and what they think is missing from the Open Education Movement. *"This book is a culmination of more than a year and a half of collaboration, innumerable conversations and exchanges, and a wide range of collective knowledge and experience. I am extremely grateful to everyone in the Open Education world who worked with me. None of this would be possible without you!"* Pike said in the Acknowledgments.

What's Happening Nationally/Internationally

Open Education Conference, November 7-9, 2023.
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Open Education Global, October 16-18, 2023.
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The Chronicle released a three-part series on the use of courseware at colleges.
[Part 1: The Substitute Teacher](#)
[Part 2: The Homework Tax](#)
[Part 3: The Textbook that Reads You](#)