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Authoring

- [Authoring Open Textbooks](#) by Melissa Falldin and Karen Lauritsen.

This guide is for faculty authors, librarians, project managers and others who are involved in the production of open textbooks in higher education and K-12. Content includes a checklist for getting started, publishing program case studies, textbook organization and elements, writing resources and an overview of useful tools.

- [Ten Steps to Developing an OER](#) blog post by Jennifer A. McWatt
- [BC Open Accessibility Toolkit](#) by Amanda Coolidge, Sue Doner, and Tara Robertson.

The Accessibility Toolkit is a collaboration between BCcampus and CAPER-BC. The goal of the Accessibility Toolkit is to provide the resources needed so that each content creator, instructional designer, educational technologist, librarian, administrator, teaching assistant, etc. has the opportunity to create a truly open and accessible textbook. An open textbook that is free and accessible for all students. The Accessibility Toolkit has also been translated into French.

Editing

- [Modifying an Open Textbook: What You Need to Know](#) by Cheryl Cuillier, Amy Hofer, Annie Johnson, Kathleen Labadorf, Karen Lauritsen, Peter Potter, Richard Saunders, Anita Walz

This is a five-step guide for faculty, and those who support faculty, who want to modify an open textbook. Step-by-step instructions for importing and editing common open textbook file and platform types are included.

Funding **(this link doesn't seem to fit here as it is for a ALA book on OER not funding)**

- <http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=12135>

Tools

- [Pressbooks](#) is a WordPress-based open source tool for authoring and publishing books. Authors can sign up for a free hosted account that allows for limited customization or the software can be downloaded and hosted on a local server.
- [OER Commons](#) is a freely accessible online library that allows teachers and others to search and discover OER and other freely available instructional materials. It includes three authoring tools: a resource building, lesson builder, and module builder. Authors sign-up for an OER Commons account and can start authoring immediately. The tools allow for authoring directly online or importing from Google Docs.

- [The University of Oklahoma Libraries Markdown Converter](#) is designed to help make open content, including open educational resources (OER), shareable to the fullest extent possible. By using the Markdown Converter, well-structured documents can be converted into PDF, HTML, EPUB, and DOCX file formats with an easy-to-use web interface instead of the command line. Markdown is a markup language that simplifies authoring for the web. Its syntax is both easy-to-read and easy-to-write using tools that come installed on all computers. Publishing OER in Markdown allows for easy editing, and then using the Markdown Converter to provide OER in multiple formats enables students to access OER content more readily.