

Open Access and Education

Open Access



Research

"Open-access (OA) literature is **digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions**. What makes it possible is the internet and the consent of the author or copyright-holder."

Open access works can be made available through OA publishers and/or OA repositories.

[A very brief introduction to Open Access](#), Peter Suber

Open Education



Teaching

"Open Education encompasses resources, tools and practices that are **free of legal, financial and technical barriers** and can be **fully used, shared and adapted** in the digital environment. Open Education maximizes the power of the Internet to make education more affordable, accessible and effective."

[Open Education](#), SPARC

Open Access (OA) and Open Education (OE) both stress the importance of **making information available for individuals around the world**, regardless of wealth or status.

These are not wholly separate ideas or incompatible practices.

Expectations of Openness

- OA & OE  **FREE READ ACCESS:** Users can access a readable copy of the resource freely in some format, usually on the Internet.
- OA & OE  **OPEN LICENSING:** The resource is available under an open license that allows redistribution of the work (Example: CC BY NC).
- OE  **REMIX PERMISSIONS:** The resource is available under an open copyright license that allows adaptation of the work (Example: CC BY, CC BY SA).

Note: Creative Commons licenses are the most common, but not the only open licenses used for these works.

Why? Open Access

Open access publishing allows researchers to share their **scholarly works free of common barriers**.

This means no embargo period, faster dissemination, and increased audience.

This model also **provides more research for students without costly paywalls**, promoting lifelong learning.

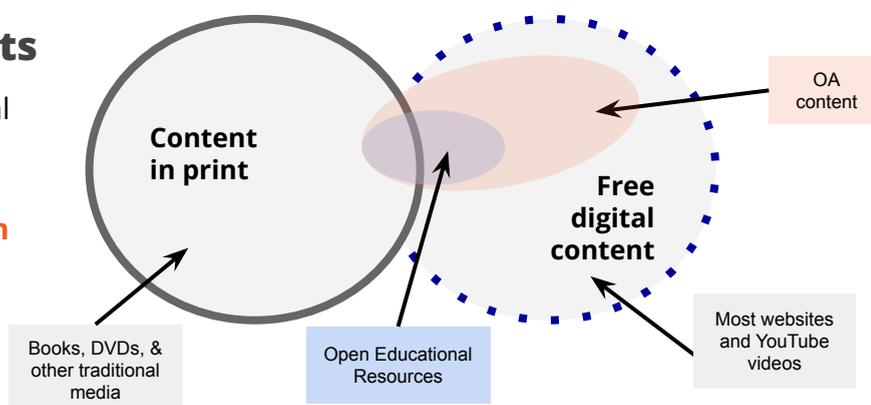
Why? Open Education

Open education allows **instructors agency to align learning materials more fully with their pedagogical needs** such as localized content.

In addition to cost savings, open education provides **an opportunity for students to contribute to their own knowledge**.

Formats and Access Costs

Many OA books & Open Educational Resources (OER) are available to purchase in print. However, **there must be a freely available version** of the resource online for it to be truly **open**, in the way these terms are typically used.



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