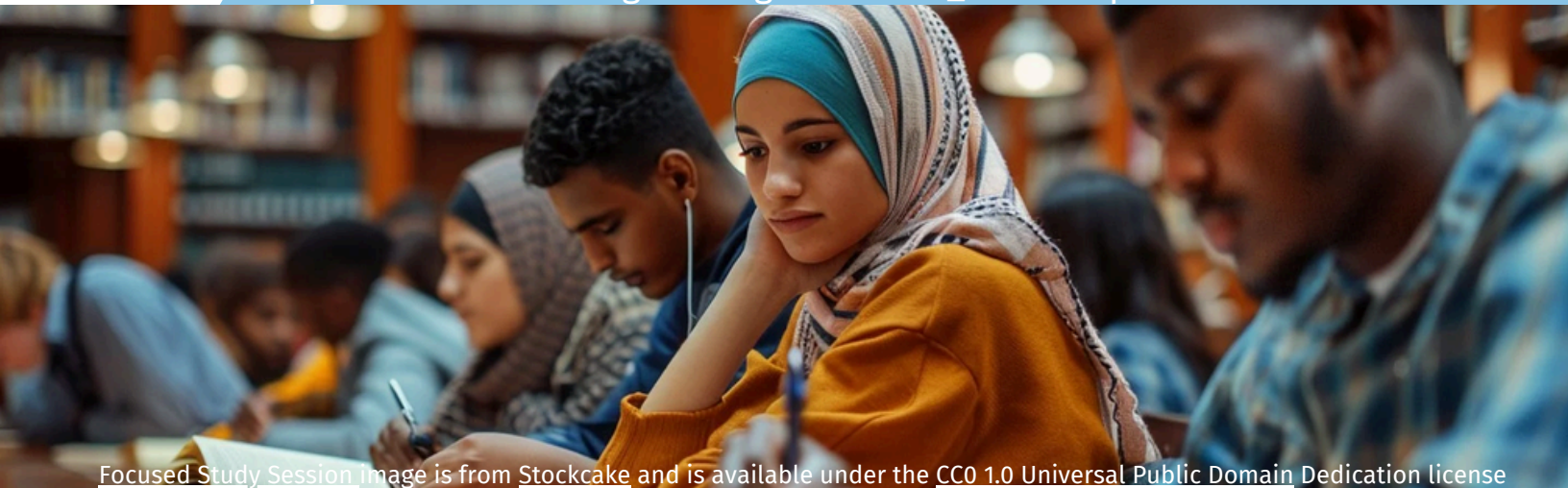


OPEN ED UPDATES

KBOR Open Up Learning Kansas OER Newsletter



https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/open-educational-resources



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OER Student Survey in Kansas

Sustainability has long been a major concern for development and use of open educational materials. Obtaining funding for the creation and adaption of OER in a manner that does not burden students often requires data to demonstrate how OER support student success and access.

The Open Up Learning Kansas steering committee is currently planning data collection regarding student views on open educational resources from Kansas Institutions of higher education by distributing student surveys, both to KBOR institutions and private institutions in the state. Melissa Emo, Digital Scholarship and OER Librarian and Emporia University, says the primary goal of the survey is “to understand students’ experiences with open educational resources (OER) and their perceptions of these materials.” The Open Up Learning Kansas steering committee intends to use this data as evidence to the impact of OER as we continue to advocate for state support. The data may also be used at each institution to help further institutional OER initiatives.

UPCOMING KS OER EVENTS

Authoring Your Own OER with
LibreTexts Conductor
11am PST February 21
zoom.libretexts.org

LibreTexts Jumpstart
1:30-3:30pm February 26

Open Ed Week
March 3-7
<https://oeweek.oeglobal.org/>

2025 Language OER Conference
March 8
<https://olrc.ku.edu/language-oer-conference>

Customizing Existing OER for
Your Courses Using LibreTexts
11am PST March 21
zoom.libretexts.org

All participating institutions will administer the survey to their student population during the Fall semester of 2025. Any Kansas institution of higher education that would like to participate in the OER Student Survey should contact Melissa Emo, the Digital Scholarship and OER Librarian at Emporia University.



State & Regional OER Updates

Open Education Week, and annual celebration for actively sharing and learning about the latest achievements in Open Education worldwide, takes place March 3-7, 2025. See <https://oeweek.oeglobal.org/> for a list of professional development and open education training opportunities.

MHEC offers several upcoming webinars and forums:

- Postsecondary Outcomes of High School Dual Enrollment Students: A National and State-by-State Analysis. Recording available online.
- Strengthening the Education-to-Workforce Data Ecosystem
February 26, 1 p.m. CT Presented by PSEO Coalition
- Creative Commons March 13, 1 p.m. CT Creative Commons Certificate Alumna Angelique Carson discusses the program and her passion for OER advocacy
- Access to and Success in Dual Enrollment Courses in Indiana and North Carolina March 19, 1 p.m. CT

KU Libraries Open Education Week

For Open Education Week, University of Kansas Libraries is welcoming Dr. Virginia Clinton-Lisell, Associate Professor in Educational Foundations and Research at University of North Dakota and lead researcher of the Open Education Group, to KU's Lawrence campus on March 14th at 10 a.m. in Watson Library 3 West. She will deliver a public presentation entitled, "The Power of Open Education: Research-Based Insights on Open Licensing in the Classroom," which will focus on the research evidence for open education's benefits for students. This includes adopting open educational resources, which are teaching and learning resources with open licensing that allows them to be accessed without financial barriers, as well as open pedagogy in which students are mentored in co-creating and developing their course assignments to add value to the world beyond. Current trends in educational materials for college students such as online commercial homework systems that require purchasing access codes and automatic textbook billing (inclusive access) will also be discussed in terms of research evidence.