Open Textbook Initiative and Open Educational Resources

1. September 27, 2016, Governor Gina Raimondo challenged higher education institutions to move toward openly licensed teaching materials, saving students $5 million over 5 years.

2. NEIT, along with many other RI colleges and universities, accepted the challenge. For more information on the Open Textbook Initiative go to www.innovate.ri.gov/open.

3. Openly licensed textbooks use a Creative Commons license instead of copyright, allowing other teachers and faculty to update and distribute them without paying any commercial licensing fees.

4. To learn more review Open Course Content, an ALA article http://www.ala.org/acrl/publications/keeping_up_with/coursecontent

5. Find and review Open Course materials at Portland Community College Library, “OER-Open Education Resources: Get Started.” This guide is designed to help PCC faculty find, create and incorporate open educational resources for classes. http://guides.pcc.edu/oer

6. To familiarize yourself with open textbooks, explore the Open Textbook Library at http://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/ and the Open Stax College at https://openstax.org/


8. OER Commons https://www.oercommons.org/

9. EDUCAUSE Open Educational Resources https://library.educause.edu/topics/teaching-and-learning/open-educational-resources-oer

Organizations

- **Community College Consortium for OER**
  Our mission is to expand access to education by promoting awareness and adoption of Open Educational Resources (OER). Over 250 colleges have joined us and many more participate in our activities and use resources on the website.

- **ODEPO**
  ODEPO (Open Database of Educational Projects and Organizations) is a wiki-database of organizations involved in providing educational content online. Currently, ODEPO includes more than a thousand sites affiliated with various organizations, the majority of which were provided to us by educational repositories involved in the creation and expansion of Open Educational Resources (OER).

- **The Open Education Consortium**
  A global network of educational institutions, individuals and organizations that support an approach to education based on openness, including collaboration, innovation and collective development and use of open educational materials. The Open Education Consortium is a non-profit, social benefit organization registered in the United States and operating worldwide.

- **Open Education Resource Foundation**
  The Open Education Resource (OER) Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides leadership, international networking and support for educators and educational institutions to achieve their objectives through Open Education.

- **Open Oregon**
  Open Educational Resources Network in Oregon State - learn about OER events and Browse or search the Resources to find out what Oregon community college instructors are using to reduce textbook costs in their courses. If you see a name and email address, feel free to contact that person about their class.

- **Open Washington**