

March 2014 e-letter!

## Evaluating and Adopting Open E-textbooks!

### Adopting Open Ebooks!



- Step 1: Find an Open Textbook
- Step 2: Review & Select
- Step 3: Customize
- Step 4: Disseminate

Open Textbook Publishing/ Adoption Webinar  
– <http://youtu.be/KU0okJwlkH0>

College Open Textbooks Community Tutorial  
Guide for Adopting Open Textbooks –  
<http://collegeopentextbooks.ning.com/page/adopt-1>

### E-textbook Criteria!

When you evaluate an open source or e-textbooks, what additional criteria do you need to consider?

- Print Cost?
- Organization or Structure?
- **Formats available: print, web-based?**
- Accuracy & Authority?
- Content Quality, Scope or Depth?
- **User Accessibility?**
- User Readability?
- **Copyright Compliance?**
- **Modularity or ability to re-section?**
- Peer Review Process?
- Cultural Relevance?

Can you simply contrast ebooks with traditional textbooks, or does the evaluation criteria change?

### Resources



Open Textbook Testimonial YouTube –  
<http://youtu.be/rBDC4Qvxw60>

Journey to Textbook Affordability –

### Criteria Checklists

To assist with the evaluation of open source or e-textbooks, consult:

College Consortium FAQ –  
<http://oerconsortium.org/open-textbook-faqs/>

College Open Textbooks Evaluation Criteria at <http://collegeopentextbooks.org/about-us/contactus/34-cot/cot-category/101-evaluation-criteria>

*HCC E-textbook Evaluation*

<http://www.irrodl.org/index.php/irrodl/article/view/1237/2478>

The Cost and Quality of Open Textbooks –

<http://firstmonday.org/ojs/index.php/fm/article/view/3972/3383>



### Copy Right?



To explore how copyright applies to open source ebooks and materials used for educational purposes, review:

Merlot Policies and Practices –

[http://info.merlot.org/merlohelp/index.htm#policies\\_and\\_practices.htm](http://info.merlot.org/merlohelp/index.htm#policies_and_practices.htm)

Review Copyright with CITT Tutorials –

<http://citt.hccfl.edu/Training.cfm?sub=281>

Creative Commons License FAQ –

[http://wiki.creativecommons.org/FAQ#How\\_do\\_I\\_properly\\_attribute\\_a\\_Creative\\_Commons\\_licensed\\_work.3F](http://wiki.creativecommons.org/FAQ#How_do_I_properly_attribute_a_Creative_Commons_licensed_work.3F)

### Accessibility?



To judge accessibility standards, you may want to consider:

Accessibility Principles at

<http://www.w3.org/WAI/intro/people-use-web/principles>

Web Content Accessibilities Guidelines WCAG at

<http://www.w3.org/WAI/intro/wcag.php>

Review ADA Compliance with CITT Tutorials –

<http://citt.hccfl.edu/Training.cfm?sub=296>

### Orange Grove

<http://orangegrovetexts.org/>



The Orange Grove offers a collection of open textbooks which can be viewed, downloaded, and printed. Why not review a few open source books?

- American Government –  
<http://orangegrovetexts.org/AA00016298>
- Business Ethics –  
<http://orangegrovetexts.org/AA00011651>
- Educational Psychology –  
<http://orangegrovetexts.org/AA00011698>

### Open Stax College

<http://openstaxcollege.org/>



The e-textbook development standards at Open Stax include standardized table of contents, peer review, digital and print versions, and supporting materials.

Review open source textbooks:

- College Physics –  
<http://openstaxcollege.org/textbooks/college-physics>.
- Introduction to Sociology –  
<http://openstaxcollege.org/textbooks/introduction-to-sociology>

*HCC E-textbook Evaluation*

**In the News**

5 Sources of Open-Source Textbooks -  
<http://www.teachthought.com/technology/5-sources-of-open-source-textbooks/>

Open Source Textbooks Challenge a Paradigm  
<http://www.wired.com/business/2008/09/open-source-text/>

Open-Source Textbooks Most Affordable for  
Community College Students -  
<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/2012/02/10/open-textbooks-most-affordable-for-community-college-students>

**HCC Procedures**

Textbook Adoption -  
<http://www.hccfl.edu/procedures/AP%204.02%20.pdf>

Copyright Compliance -  
<http://www.hccfl.edu/procedures/AP%204.07.pdf>

Acceptable Use -  
<http://www.hccfl.edu/procedures/AP%209.00.pdf>

Third Party Access -  
<http://www.hccfl.edu/procedures/AP%209.02.pdf>

Explore the e-text Resource Page at  
<http://citt.hccfl.edu/content.cfm?ID=116>

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