

OER Regional Workshop South Breakout Session 1 Beginner: Finding OER – Search Strategies

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CSU, UC, CCC

- [Showcase reviews](#) quick place to look before extensive search
- Does not have extensive selection
- Thorough reviews by California faculty
- Already passed accessibility; includes detailed report

Resources and Examples by Subject <http://sdmesa.libguides.com/OER>

A screenshot of the SD Mesa College OER LibGuide website. The page title is "Open Educational Resources (OER): Find OER". It features a search bar, navigation tabs for "Home", "Find OER", and "OER by Subject". The main content area includes a "COOL4Ed" logo and a description of the organization's mission to support OER adoption at CCC and CSU campuses. There are also sections for "OER Usage Rights", "Attribution Best Practices", "Open Textbook Sources", "Find a Replacement", and "Licensing Information". The "Open Textbook Sources" section lists various repositories like BC Campus OER Textbooks, College Open Textbooks, and OpenStax. The "Find a Replacement" section lists "Affordable Learning Solutions (CSU System)", "Directory of Open Access Books & Journals", and "Directory of Open Access Journals". The "Licensing Information" section explains Creative Commons licenses and includes a note about embedded images/videos.

SEARCH TIPS:

- Keyword searching is often limited
- Browse by discipline/subject matter
- Contact your librarian

USE LIMITERS:

- Discipline/subject
- Audience or education level
- Material type - textbook, module, assessment
- License type or conditions of use