# CPSLD Oct 2013 Libraries and OER – Case Studies

## Case One: University of Massachusetts Amherst OER initiative

Faculty asked to swap out traditionally published materials for OER. In support of this initiative, librarians developed a comprehensive subject guide to open educational resources.

* 8 faculty members
* 10 grants
* $1,000 each

2011-2012 academic year 700 students saved more than $72,000

20 more grants this year being worked on.

Link to info: <http://www.library.umass.edu/about-the-libraries/news/press-releases-2011/taking-a-bite-out-of-textbook-costs>

## Case Two: Tacoma Community College Liberate 250K

The college wanted to save students 250k on textbooks over 2 years by replacing traditionally published texts with open ones.

* Hired an OER librarian to help faculty find appropriate resources
* Hit their goal in one year and work is continuing

Link to info: <http://thesubtimes.com/blog/2013/03/13/liberate-250k-tacoma-community-colleges-oer-project/>

## Case Three: Oregon State University Open Textbook Initiative

The university wanted to save students money on texts and enable faculty to create resources that were more tailored to their teaching and learning environments.

* 50K investment
* Will be published in 2014/15
* University Press, Library and Ecampus (online learning services group) are doing the project together and providing support to faculty.
* 50k total funding but could go as high as 75k
* Being worked on now – 3-5 books by Nov, CC licensed, they got 7 proposals in total, 15-20k per book

Link to info: <http://outreach.oregonstate.edu/initiatives/oer/rfp>

## Case Four: Florida Community Colleges Learning Resources Standing Committee

This consortium co-created two courses to be used across institutions in the state. The courses are openly licensed and available for anyone to use. They are updated annually and can be localized by adopters.

* LIS 2004 Introduction to Internet Resources
* LIS1000: Introduction to Information Literacy
* Kept in the Orange Grove repository with lots of other OER.

Link to info:

LIS 2004: <http://florida.theorangegrove.org/og/items/5bea7263-c778-34bc-469d-0a899d0e384d/3/>

LIS 1000: <http://florida.theorangegrove.org/og/items/742fe6da-7693-1b77-bdd3-4c7ee4807386/1/>