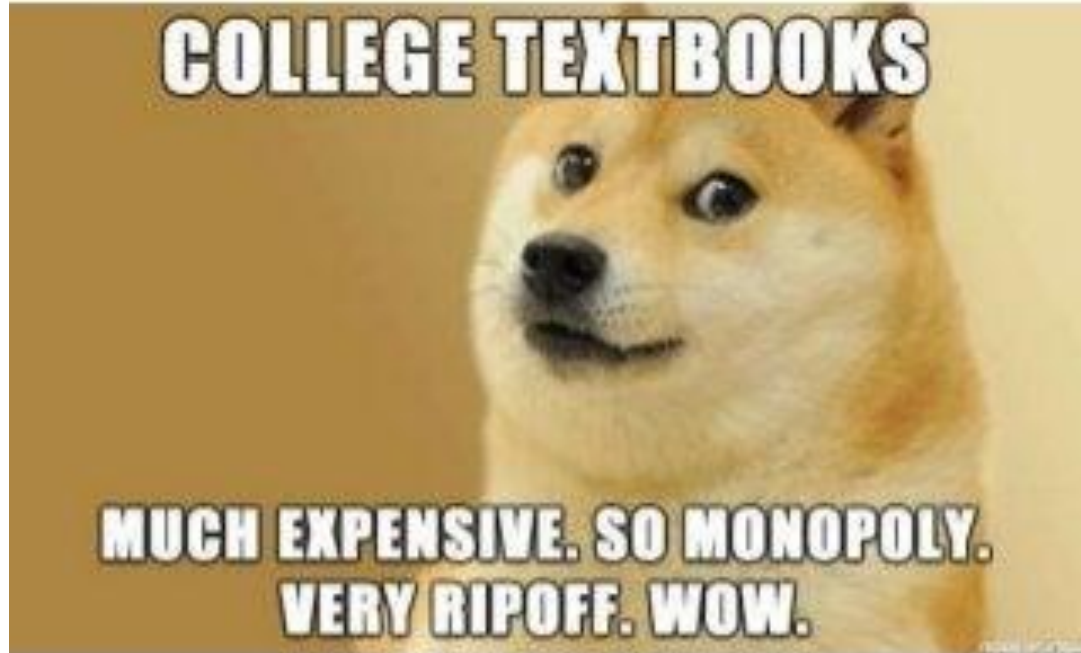


OERs and Copyright

Classic Nemeses

Or Misunderstood Frenemies?

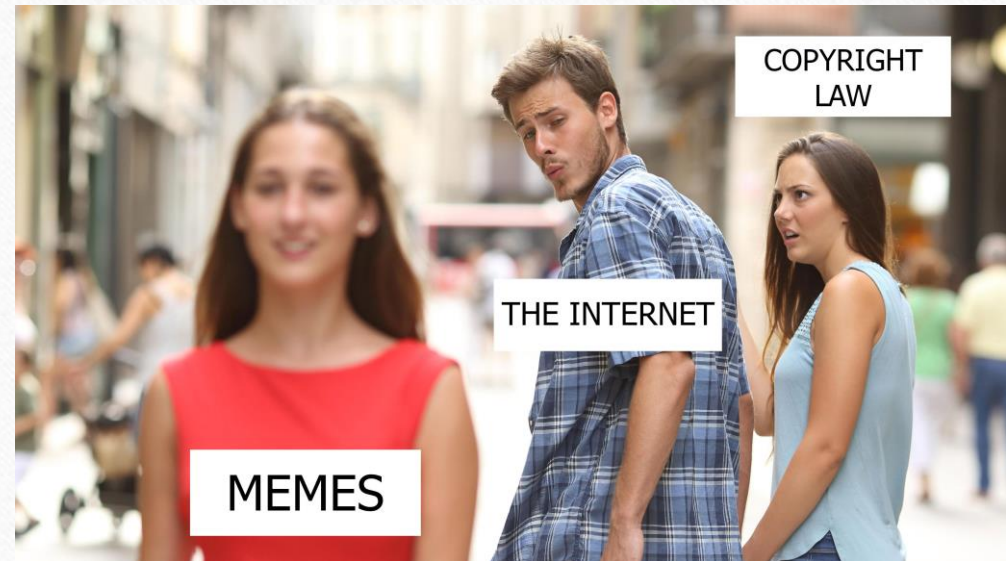


Open Educational Resources

- Anything instructional
- Free to use and distribute
- “Educational” is...subjective. All in the eye of the librarian
- “Resource” can also mean any medium that contributes to education

Copyright is also a little subjective. Just a little

- Copyright protects intellectual property.
- There are some guidelines about what copyright infringement looks like
- Is the use for profit? How much are you using? Are you giving proper credit?



Is fair use as fair as we think?

- I see whole bunches of fair use overreaching from professors
 - Paywall protected PDF distribution
 - Chapter scans
- PowerPoints without any citations
- Just because you declare that it's fair use doesn't make it true



Copyright vs. Fair Use

Copyright

- Professors get permission to distribute every semester¹
- Photos, images, and graphics are protected
- Control Digital Lending⁴

Fair Use

- Professors can distribute one copy per student for only one semester²
- Screenshots fair use upheld by courts³
- Linking to free books through Amazon

Fair Use and OER Similarities

OER

- Open Education Resources have copyright attached to them in terms of authorship⁵
- Creators waive their restrictions on distribution as a whole as long as they still receive credit⁶
- Allows for modification of materials, and you become a new author

Fair Use

- Fair use requires attribution to the author and source⁷
- Fair use is portions of materials that do not have copyright permissions attached in terms of distribution⁷
- Modification in terms of parody, commentary, and research are permitted⁷

So...What's the big deal about OERs?

Fair Use

- Fair use cannot be distributed over and over again without permission
- Fair use alteration must turn the work into something new

OER

- OER has no limitation on distribution
- OER can be changed into whatever you need

What's the difference between
and original, OER, and piracy?

Because one is paid for, one is free, and one drinks a lot of rum.

The original portal

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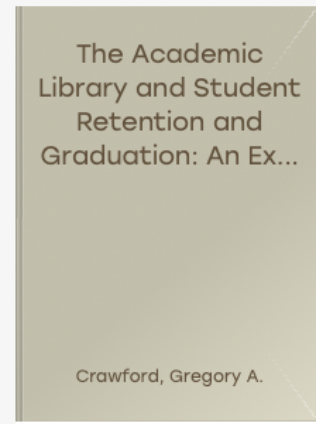
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Examples of OERs



Researchgate.net-- authors put up their work pre-publication so that journal copyright does not apply yet



Semantic scholar has links to universities that have permission from the author to redistribute



Marshall OER resource

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