

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Library Services Newsletter

## Did You Know...

### Open Educational Resources

What are OER?

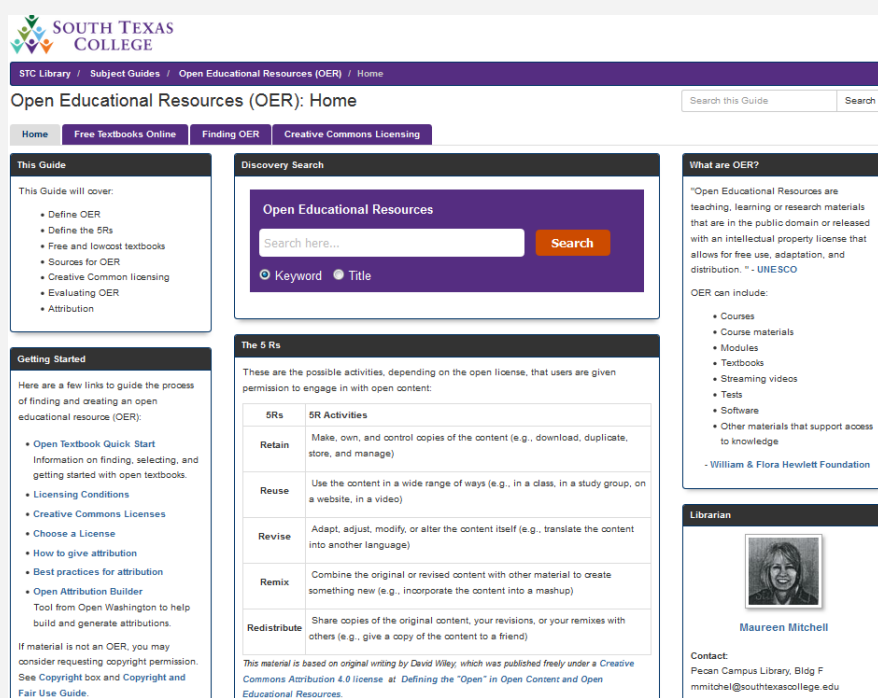
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Each of the STC Library's [research/subject guides](#) will also have a tab on OER specific to that subject.

Need assistance getting started or finding OER? The Library offers a special guide on OER [here](#). Our librarians can also guide you in finding these resources. Use the box to the right to contact the library liaison to your department.

### Library Liaisons

- ♦ Are the primary contact for faculty for questions and information regarding library collections, instructional support, and reference services.
- ♦ Find us [here](#).

**Open Educational Resources (OER): Home**

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**This Guide**

This Guide will cover:

- Define OER
- Define the 5Rs
- Free and low-cost textbooks
- Sources for OER
- Creative Commons licensing
- Evaluating OER
- Attribution

**Discovery Search**

Open Educational Resources

Search here...

Keyword Title

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OER can include:

- Courses
- Course materials
- Modules
- Textbooks
- Streaming videos
- Tests
- Software
- Other materials that support access to knowledge

- William & Flora Hewlett Foundation

**Getting Started**

Here are a few links to guide the process of finding and creating an open educational resource (OER):

- [Open Textbook Quick Start](#)  
Information on finding, selecting, and getting started with open textbooks.
- [Licensing Conditions](#)
- [Creative Commons Licenses](#)
- [Choose a License](#)
- [How to give attribution](#)
- [Best practices for attribution](#)
- [Open Attribution Builder](#)  
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5Rs	5R Activities
Retain	Make, own, and control copies of the content (e.g., download, duplicate, store, and manage)
Reuse	Use the content in a wide range of ways (e.g., in a class, in a study group, on a website, in a video)
Revise	Adapt, adjust, modify, or alter the content itself (e.g., translate the content into another language)
Remix	Combine the original or revised content with other material to create something new (e.g., incorporate the content into a mashup)
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**Pecan: 872-1690 or 872-8330**

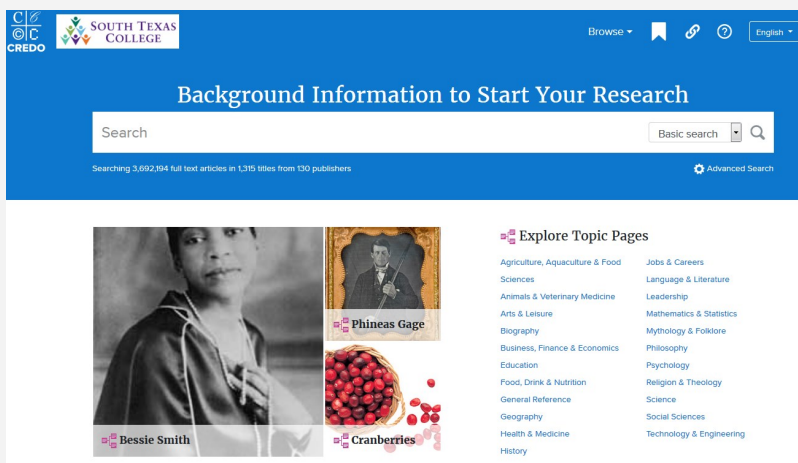
**Starr County: 488-5820**

**Technology: 872-6120**

## Database Highlights

**Credo Reference** is an information skills solutions provider that serves libraries worldwide. They build platforms and instructional materials that enable the flexible configuration of content, technology and services for the purpose of connecting learners, faculty and teachers, librarians and publishers. Credo promotes knowledge building, problem solving and critical thinking to give people the information skills necessary for success throughout their academic, professional and personal lives.

To access the database, click [here](#) or visit our library page and find it under our A-Z list of databases.



## Staff Spotlight

### Maureen Mitchell



Maureen has been with Library Services for over 5 years. Currently, she serves as the Public Services Librarian at

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