**A Quick Guide to Open Educational Resources (OERs)**

# What are OERs? Why are OERs and other types of affordable content important?

## FREELY AVAILABLE

Most are legal to copy, adapt, and redistribute semester after semester.

Course materials are freely available on the

## FIRST DAY OF CLASS

**Affordable content beyond OERs**

INCREASES

in Retention, Completion, and Grade Point Averages

# OER Projects

## COST SAVINGS

As of February 2018, $31.3 million dollars in textbook costs (projected) for students across the USG affordablelearninggeorgia.org

Increases opportunities for creativity, collaboration and

## INNOVATIVE TEACHING

OPEN

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Academic Journal Quarterly

## LIBRARY SUBSCRIBED RESOURCES

REPLACE

a high-cost textbook with a free textbook

## CREATE

new course materials

## PUBLISH

an open textbook

## CC LICENSED

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## OPEN ACCESS CONTENT

Such as ScholarWorks@GSU [scholarworks.gsu.edu](http://scholarworks.gsu.edu/)

## REVISE

existing OER to meet current needs

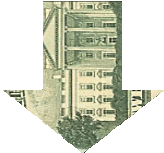
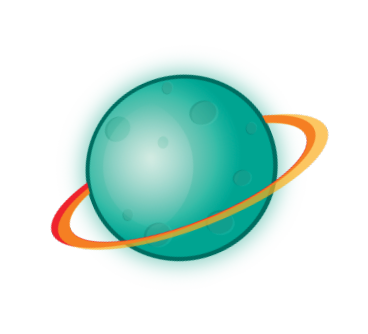
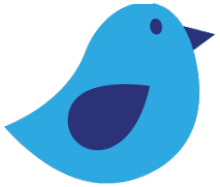
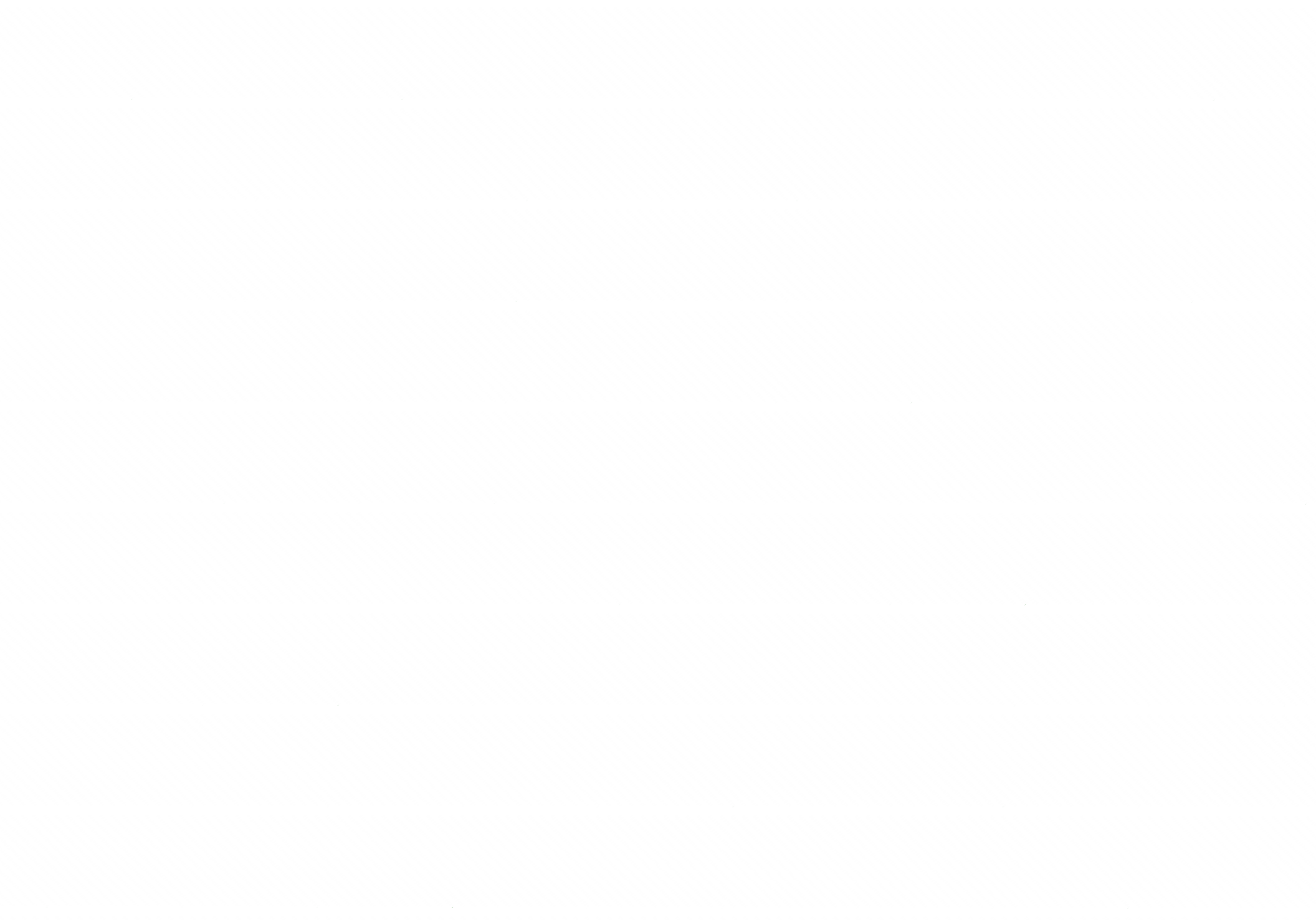
## DEVELOP

course templates

based on OER to facilitate use

USE

library resources in place of textbooks



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