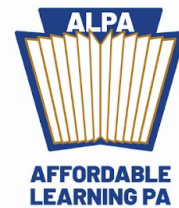


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PA Grants for Open and Affordable Learning - Coming Soon!

If you are interested in receiving application details, updates, and breaking news about the new mini-grant program funded by the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER), please sign up for the program's mailing list: [Grants for Open and Affordable Learning Mailing List Sign-Up](#). The new program will provide a series of mini-grants and stipends to encourage and support faculty in creating, adapting, and adopting Open Educational Resources and other zero-cost materials in institutions of postsecondary and higher education across Pennsylvania.

ALPA Events - Coming up in March 2021

Tuesday, March 16 from 2pm - 3pm Your ALPA OER Specialists will be hosting a casual roundtable discussion via Zoom.

OER Publishing webinar series: the ALPA Publishing and Repositories Working Group will be offering a series of events through the spring, with sessions on getting started with basic OER production, using Pressbook and H5P, and how the LibreTexts platform works for librarians, faculty, and other academic staff interested in learning more about creating their own OER.

More details and registration information will be coming soon!

Open Education Network updates

Did you know that ALPA has a consortial membership in the Open Education Network (OEN), which allows all eligible schools in Pennsylvania partial access to OEN tools and services, as well as steeply discounted pricing to join at the campus level? Contact us at info@AffordableLearningPA.org with any questions.

Mark your calendars for this year's OEN Summit, happening from **June 14-18, 2021!**

The Summit is an opportunity to connect with the open education community, showcase your efforts, exchange expertise, and explore challenges in a supportive, collaborative environment. It will once again be free of charge, and open to OEN members and nonmembers alike. Special members-only events led by the Summit Planning Committee will be a place for us to share, ideate, and have a little fun while doing so!

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National and International Highlights

Open Education Week

Organized by [Open Education Global](#) and held from March 1-7, this celebration of the ideals of Open Education is open to all that would like to join and contribute. The <https://www.openeducationweek.org/> website includes [a schedule of events and activities](#), a [library of resources](#), and ways to connect with community in your geographic region and [around the world](#).

Upcoming Free, Online Events (across the US)

Check out these events hosted by other state-wide open and affordable education programs: all are open to the public, and free to register and attend virtually.

Registration is open now:

- Missouri A&OER Summit will be held virtually March 3-5, 2021 - <https://libguides.umsl.edu/MO-OER-Symposium/welcome>
- 2nd annual CT OER Summit, a virtual event spanning four days designed for faculty to learn how to implement OER, discipline-specific case studies, and the concepts of Open Pedagogy - <https://events.eventzilla.net/e/2021-ct-oer-summit-2138814769>
- Cascadia Open Ed Summit will be held April 27-29 2021: <https://cascadia.bccampus.ca/registration/>

Save the date--details and registration coming soon:

- The Northeast OER Summit will be held virtually May 24 - 26, and registration and the call for proposals opens March 1: <https://neoer.umasscreate.net/conferences/2021-2/>
- FLVC OER Summit 2021 will be held May 13-14 - more details coming soon at <https://www.flvc.org/oersummit>

Do you have an event, program, or other information you'd like highlighted in an upcoming ALPA Newsletter? Send us your submissions via [our online form](#).