Open Educational Resources (OER): Where to Find Videos and Images

This video will help you to locate freely available videos and images for your professional practice. There are numerous places to find high-quality videos and images.

First, we'll look at popular sites for videos and learn how to search them to ensure we are finding OER. You may notice that one popular site used by educators is not addressed here—Khan Academy. Khan Academy videos are no longer OER, as they removed their CC license. All Khan Academy videos are free for anyone to watch; however, modifications are not allowed.

TED provides over 2,400 videos to inspire thinking. TED Talks do not have an official open licensing policy; however, TED allows users to view and download videos without restraint. Although the website is provided free as a public service, it is good practice to provide attribution when using a video from TED.

Vimeo houses millions of Creative Commons-licensed videos and provides the ability to filter by CC license. The easiest way to find CC-licensed content on Vimeo is through the link shown on the slide. From this page, you can filter by CC license. To do so, click on the "+ Browse all" just below the video clips. This will open up a new view, where you will need to click on the spotlight to search. You can then search by keyword. You can also do an advanced search within the general Vimeo site itself. To do an advanced search, follow these steps: go to the Vimeo site at vimeo.com; search in the keyword box on the right of the screen; filter for CC license by clicking on the "+ More Filters" on the left side of the screen; you can now search by any of the Creative Commons licenses. As a reminder, when you see "ND" you cannot modify the resource. This is an example of when a resource is free but not truly OER.

YouTube hosts millions of CC-licensed videos. To find them, you will need to filter them out of the billions of videos on the entire YouTube site. To filter for CC licensing, type a keyword in the search bar and click on the spotlight. This will open a screen showing results. At the top of the screen, you will find a "Filters" option. Clicking on this option allows you to search for Creative Commons-licensed content. Choose one of the videos and click "Show More" in the description to find the CC license.

We'll now turn our attention to Creative Commons image resources. We start first with the Public Domain Project, which houses thousands of historic media files that are openly licensed for your use. At this site, you will also find other resources including stock footage, images, songs, and more.

Wikimedia (not to be confused with "Wikipedia") Commons is a repository dedicated to providing public domain and freely licensed educational media content available to anyone. The site provides images, sound, and video clips in a variety of languages. To search the repository, type a keyword in the search box on the right side of the screen. Click on one of the files or images to view the CC licensing. To find the license, scroll down to the bottom of the screen where it says "More Details."

Flickr houses millions of CC-licensed images. The easiest way to find these images is to search in the separate Creative Commons-licensed collection at the link shown on this slide.

The New York Public Library has created enhanced access to all public domain items in their Digital Collections to ensure that everyone has the ability to enjoy and reuse these images. There are currently over 180,000 public domain items in these collections. The site also contains resources for educators related to integrating the items and collections into lesson plans.

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Now that you've gained exposure to many OERs, think about what type of OER would be most beneficial for your classroom. Where might you start your OER search? If you'd like to view any of the resources mentioned in this presentation, check out the slide deck in the description.