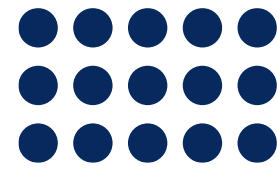


OPEN GOVERNMENT: USING FEDERAL DOCUMENTS TO BUILD AND ENHANCE OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCES

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»»»» AGENDA



- Overview of Open Education
- OER and Government Information
- Food Safety and Sanitation OER Project
- World Regional Geography OER Project
- Locating and Integrating Federal Resources
- Copyright, Attribution, and Ethical Reuse
- Collaboration, Sustainability, And Scaling OER Projects
- Q&A



WHERE OPEN EDUCATION **MEETS GOVERNMENT** **INFORMATION**

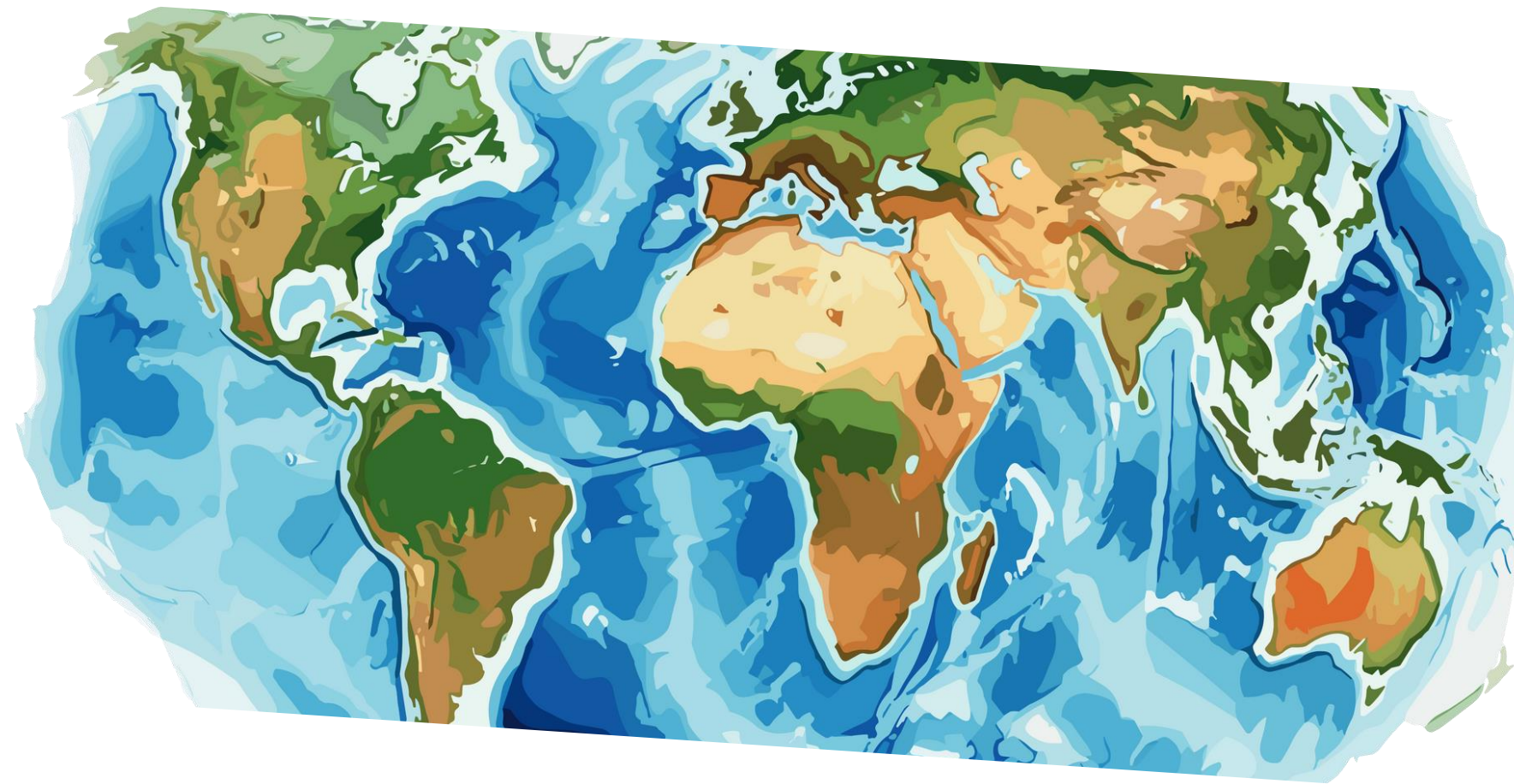
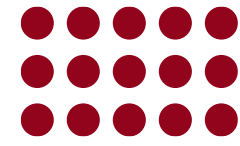
- **OER = open, adaptable, equitable instructional resources**
- **Shared goals: access, transparency, and public service**
- **Libraries as transformational agents in both movements**



WHY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION IS BORN OPEN

- Federal documents = public domain
- Authoritative, multidisciplinary, data-rich
- Ideal for integration into open textbooks and learning objects
- Librarians can help translate raw content → pedagogical resources

WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY



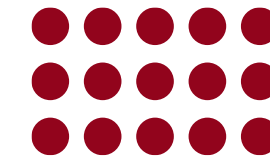
- **Louisiana Board of Regents OER Project (2023/2024 Cohort)**
- **Collaborative faculty development across disciplines**
- **Integration of open maps, demographic data, and government resources**
- **Sources: Census Bureau, CIA World Factbook, NOAA, NASA Earth Observatory**

FOOD SAFETY AND SANITATION OER PROJECT



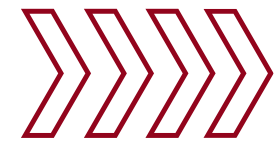
- **Funded by Louisiana Board of Regents OER Grant (2024-2025 Cohort)**
- **Cohort of 5 faculty from Louisiana institutions**
- **Outcomes:**
 - **Food Safety and Sanitation open textbook**
 - **Accompanying Moodle course**
- **Integrated Sources: FDA, USDA, CDC, EPA**

LOCATING AND INTEGRATING FEDERAL RESOURCES

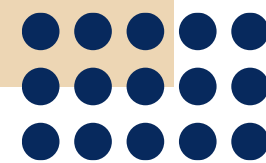



- **Key Portals:** GovInfo, Data.gov, Science.gov, PubMed Central, LOC, NOAA, EPA
- **Strategies:**
- **Curate by learning objective, not just subject**
- **Build “micro OER” (figures, datasets, visualizations)**
- **Embed metadata and stable URLs**
- **Collaboration tip: co-develop lesson plans with faculty**





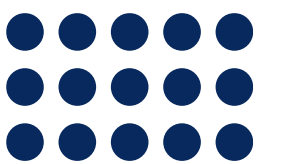
ETHICS OF OPEN: MORE THAN LEGAL COMPLIANCE



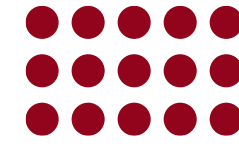
- Federal works = Public Domain 
- Exceptions: contractor content, state materials, embedded third-party data
- Best Practices:
- Always attribute, even when not required
- Maintain accessibility
- Include clear licensing statements

BUILDING OER NETWORKS

- Lessons from Louisiana OER cohorts
- Library as:
 - Project manager (organizing faculty work)
 - Metadata expert (ensuring discoverability)
 - Ethics mentor (ensuring accessibility and attribution)
- Opportunities for scaling within FDLP and LOUIS networks



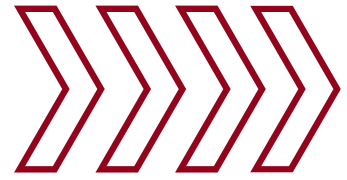
LEADING THE NEXT



WAVE OF OPEN EDUCATION



- What challenges exist in connecting FDLP work to OER creation?
- How might libraries formalize OER partnerships with faculty?
- What training or resources would help government information librarians or OER Librarians take the lead?



QUESTIONS?



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