About MERLOT

MERLOT is **free** and sustained through the support of higher education institutions, professional organizations, and industries from around the world, led by the California State University. It is an international community of faculty, staff, students, administrators, and librarians who wish to discover, use, and share Open Educational Resources (OER) and other online resources for the improvement of technology-enhanced teaching and learning.

The MERLOT community, which began in 1997, has developed a unique and globally-renowned collection of over 92,000 online learning materials, contributed by our members, most of which have been peer- or crowd-source reviewed by our community.

More than 25 editorial boards of discipline-specific subject matter experts curate MERLOT's collection. Higher education, K-12 institutions, non-profit associations, and corporations have adopted and integrated MERLOT services into their online education initiatives.

MERLOT is a cornerstone of the California State University's Affordable Learning Solutions (AL$) and the California Open Online Library for Education (COOL4Ed) initiatives (csuAffordableLearningSolutions.org & cool4ed.org).

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"The OER Mothership"

– Campus Technology

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International community of OER users

Collection of over 92,000 online materials

Unique peer review process

Simultaneously search 60+ other digital libraries & the web

Free OER authoring tool

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OER
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SmartSearch

MERLOT's Smart Search returns results not only from the MERLOT collection for materials, members, learning exercises, comments, Bookmark Collections, Course ePortfolios, peer reviews, and communities, but **simultaneously** from:

- Over 60 other digital libraries
- The entire web using a search heuristic designed to find educationally relevant resources

You can also filter by the type of materials you want. For example, MERLOT has catalogued over 7,800 open textbooks in its collection.
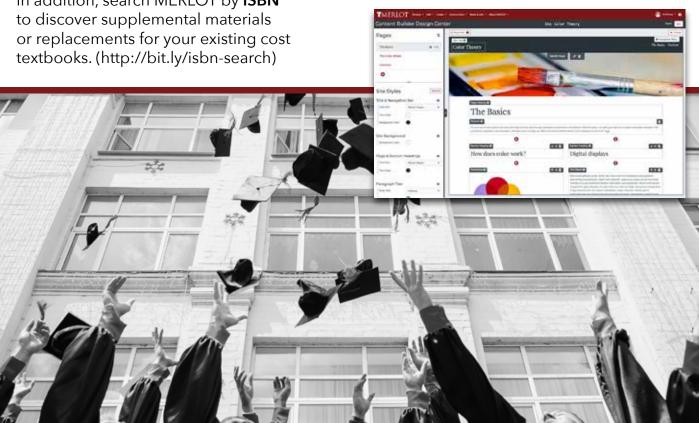
In addition, search MERLOT by **ISBN** to discover supplemental materials or replacements for your existing cost textbooks. (http://bit.ly/isbn-search)

Content Builder

MERLOT's newly designed authoring tool Content Builder is an easy-to-use tool for building Open Educational Resource (OER) websites that integrate text, images, video, documents, and links to other online resources. The Content Builder provides templates that help you create:

- Teaching & Learning ePortfolios
- Lesson plans and course syllabi
- Online course modules and ePosters
- Research & community websites

All sites created are accessible, scalable to any device, and can be easily shared.

- Use MERLOT as a universal gateway to find online learning materials

- Find colleagues and experts in a wide range of disciplines and affiliations located all over the world or be a virtual speaker

- Contribute online learning materials to the collection

- Create new MERLOT-hosted instructional websites with the MERLOT Content Builder

- Use our web services in your LMS or other application

- Find and explore MERLOT's communities to learn how others use OER

- Access more than 50 Partner Community websites

- Use MERLOT Course ePortfolios to plan and develop your entire course

- Create a Bookmark Collection of favorite online resources with a unique URL

- Follow MERLOT on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, our blog, and join MERLOT Voices for special interest communities