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In some cases, you may find next to nothing. This is about the only sight-singing
title one may find in terms of OER (currently).
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I’ll talk more about LOUIS and Affordable Learning Louisiana (or ALL) later in
this presentation, but I wanted to highlight that LOUIS/ALL does have an OER
Commons repository. The great thing about their OER Commons is that the
resources align with the Louisiana Statewide common course catalog. It also
facilitates the creation of OER by Louisiana educators. Many of the resources
produced thanks to the grants LOUIS has won for OER have been placed in the
OER Commons!
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So, once you find OER, how do you evaluate them? It’s important to evaluate
them, as quality can still sometimes be an issue, and one does wish to ensure that
one is selecting the right source for your needs.
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Well, evaluation can be based on rubrics (of course); review processes (aka peer
review); and your individual needs. In fact, it couldn’t hurt to consider a combo or
all three of these domains when evaluating a potential OER “in the wild” (that is,
not necessarily in a vetted OER repository).
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There are several pre-existing rubrics available. The one on the slide is from the
Open Textbook Library, but the others are just as useful.
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The basic elements to consider – though this is by no means an exhaustive list –
include: content coverage; alignment with your course; accessibility; inclusivity;
and formats available. You might also consider currency, accuracy, adaptability,
and clarity/comprehensibility.
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Other reviews may include:
• User reviews posted in repositories like the Open Textbook Library
• Reviews by organizations (e.g., American Institute of Mathematics)
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Going back to Affordable Learning LOUISiana and LOUIS…
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If you aren’t familiar with LOUIS…
• It is the statewide academic library consortium, featuring 48 member
institutions/libraries representing 2-year and 4-year, public and private, and
special institutions.
• Begun in the late 1990s at LSU, LOUIS is now under the auspices of the
Board of Regents.
• All institutions within the UL System are members of LOUIS.
• Through LOUIS, libraries acquire resources in more cost-effective ways
through cooperative procurement. It also supports professionals working in
libraries throughout the state through professional development.
• LOUIS also coordinates many affordable learning programs in the state
through Affordable Learning LOUISiana.
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Most of the electronic databases and resources accessible through your libraries are
acquired through LOUIS. These resources include a variety of periodicals/journals,
ebooks, and other resources.

Consequently, you have access to all kinds of Affordable Education Resources
(AER)

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Like I said before: you have me! If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to