

WELCOME TO THE

The Reference Point

THE LIBRARY'S MONTHLY FACULTY NEWSLETTER

Stats snapshot

December 2025 stats:

1622 People through the doors**151** Questions answered**1110** Searches conducted**9** Consultations conducted**186** Course Guide views

WHAT'S NEW:

Introducing the Reference Point

Welcome to the inaugural issue of *The Reference Point*! This faculty exclusive newsletter will highlight Library services, resources, and other important and interesting information. Watch for it in your inbox at the beginning of each month!

All issues of *The Reference Point* will be archived on the [Faculty Resources webpage](#) - feel free to browse through them at any time.

As a UNF faculty member, you've been automatically subscribed to this newsletter. If you wish to unsubscribe, or if you have any suggestions, comments, concerns, or questions, please contact us at library@unfc.ca.

FEATURED:

Faculty resources webpage

Wondering what the Library has to offer faculty? Check out our updated [Faculty Resources webpage](#)! There, you'll find information on using the Library collection, requesting a purchase, library instruction sessions and writing skills sessions, selecting course resources, and more!

OPEN ACCESS CORNER:

What are OERs?

UNF supports open access publishing and encourages the use of OERs as course resources. But what exactly is an OER?

OERs, or **O**pen **E**ducational **R**esources, are learning, teaching and research materials that are in the public domain or are published under an open access license. These resources can be accessed and distributed free of cost, on the condition that proper attribution is given (UNESCO, n.d.).

To find OERs repositories, use the Library's [Open Educational Resources \(OER\) Guide](#). This guide lists both general and subject-specific repositories. Some good multi-disciplinary OER repositories to start with are [Pressbooks](#), [Open Textbook Library](#), [DOAB](#), and [OAPEN](#).

Note: No repository is perfect – some may contain resources that aren't actually open, or are only open on a trial basis. It's recommended to always double check the licensing on a resource!

TIP:

While UNF encourages the use of OERs, your search for course resources should always begin with the Library collection. You can access the Library collection by using the search bar on the [Library's website](#).

References:

UNESCO (n.d.). *Open Educational Resources*. <https://www.unesco.org/en/open-educational-resources?hub=785>

IMPORTANT LINKS

- [Faculty Resources](#)
- [A-Z Database List](#)
- [Search the Library](#)
- [OER Guide](#)

IMPORTANT FORMS

- [Request a Research Skills Session](#)
- [Request Faculty Research Support](#)
- [Request a Writing Skills Session](#)
- [Request a Purchase](#)