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The Reference Point

THE LIBRARY'S MONTHLY FACULTY NEWSLETTER

Stats snapshot

May 2026 stats:

2493 People through the doors

307 Questions answered

3074 Searches conducted

9 Consultations conducted

772 Course Guide views

WHAT'S NEW:

Open data guide

Open data, meaning data that can be accessed, used, and shared for free, can be a powerful resource. The Library's newly updated [Open Data Guide](#) can help you get started in finding open data and using it effectively.

What's been added to the guide?

- Open data principles, definitions, and ethics
- How to find, evaluate, and cite open data
- Open data tools

Have questions? Ask us at library@unfc.ca!

[See the guide](#)

FEATURED:

"Cited by" tool

When an article is cited by numerous other scholarly works, it may be an indicator of its relevance and importance in the field. In the Library collection, the "Cited by" tool shows you how many times a resource has been cited, and connects you to the articles available in the collection. Use this tool to help you evaluate resources and to discover more research!

Learn more about the tool from [Ebsco Connect](#).

OPEN ACCESS CORNER:

Is a website an OER?

An OER, or Open Educational Resource, is a free resource created for educational purposes. An OER can be in any format, including online content such as websites – but does that mean every website with educational content is an OER?

OERs are published under an open access license such as a Creative Commons license. This means that the creator has explicitly given permission for the resource to be accessed free of cost and shared, re-purposed, or adapted. In comparison, most websites are published under a standard copyright license, which grants the creator the sole right to use or reproduce the work.

If there's no indicator of an open access license on the website, it's likely published under a standard copyright license. This means you're free to read the website content for your own personal uses, such as research; however, it cannot be used for non-personal academic purposes such as a course reading.

TIP:

Look for Terms of Service, Terms of Use, or Terms and Conditions on a website – these outline the acceptable use!

References:

- Open educational resources. (n.d.). Unesco. <https://www.unesco.org/en/open-educational-resources>
- A guide to copyright. (n.d.). Canadian Intellectual Property Office. <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canadian-intellectual-property-office/en/guide-copyright#understandingCopyright>
- Forbes terms of service. (2024). Forbes. <https://www.forbes.com/terms-and-conditions/>

IMPORTANT LINKS

- [Faculty Resources](#)
- [A-Z Database List](#)
- [Search the Library](#)
- [OER Guide](#)
- academics@unfc.ca

IMPORTANT FORMS

- [Request a Research Skills Session](#)
- [Request a Research Consultation](#)
- [Request a Writing Skills Session](#)
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