USF Textbook Affordability Days
Schedule of Events

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**Wednesday, January 24th**

9:30am-10:00am Opening Address: Textbook Affordability at USF
Todd Chavez, Dean of the USF Libraries and co-chair of the USF Tampa Textbook Affordability Taskforce, will provide an overview of significant issues associated with textbook affordability at USF. His talk will convey how USF is addressing the issue and its impact on student success.

10:00am-11:00am EBSCO Curriculum Builder Workshop
EBSCO Curriculum Builder enables you to bring the world of quality databases, ebooks, and other digital resources from the USF Libraries’ discovery system easily and precisely into online learning environments. Join us as EBSCO’s Madeline Dale discusses how Curriculum Builder can provide faculty an easy way to create and manage course reading lists directly from Canvas.

11:30am-1:00pm Springer Nature Lunch and Learn
Springer Nature is one of the largest and most innovative publishers of academic content in the world. Join us for lunch with Springer’s Dan Ascher as he discusses how Springer can support textbook affordability at USF. Faculty and students can utilize over 128,000 Springer ebooks owned by USF and take advantage of the unique MyCopy feature where personal copies of any Springer ebook can be purchased for $24.99. To RSVP, contact Micah Jenkins at mqjenkins@usf.edu, or (813) 974-9449.

1:30pm-2:20 pm Evolution of an Open Courseware in a STEM Course.
Dr. Autar Kaw, Carnegie Professor of the Year, presents the evolution of an open courseware for a STEM course in Numerical Methods at USF. The session will cover the funding, development, assessment, dissemination, and challenges of facilitating a successful open courseware that has more than one million pages views and close to two million views on YouTube. Learning outcomes from the speaker’s personal experience include new ideas, state-of-art pathways to pursue complete development and use of open courseware.
2:30pm-3:00pm    **Transitioning to No Cost Textbooks & Materials: Why, How, and When?**

Join USF librarian Nancy Cunningham to learn how to identify and locate open access resources using tools such as USF Library's Ebooks for the Classroom+, Open Textbook Library, Curriculum Builder, OpenStax, and others. Learn how to make greater use of library collections at no cost to students in order to support your curriculum objectives and the University’s textbook affordability initiative.

3:00pm-3:30pm    **Ebooks for the Classroom+**

Ebooks for the Classroom+ is a database of over 450,000 ebooks that the USF Libraries own or can purchase to support classes at no additional cost to students. Join Laura Pascual to learn more about how faculty can search the database, use ebooks in courses, and select titles for course adoption.

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**Thursday, January 25th**

9:00am-9:45am    **Springer Nature Workshop** ☕

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10:00am-12:00pm   **Open Textbook Faculty Workshop** – **Grace Allen Reading Room, 4th Floor, USF Tampa Library**

Are you a faculty member who is concerned about the impact of high textbook costs on your students? Are you interested in reviewing an open access textbook and receiving a $200 stipend for your efforts? Dr. Tanya Grosz from the University of Minnesota’s Open Textbook Network will be presenting a workshop that introduces the concept of open textbooks, their benefits, and how to find and incorporate them into courses. This workshop is open to faculty only. Capacity is limited to 50 participants, so register now!

12:15pm-1:15pm    **EBSCO Curriculum Builder Lunch and Learn** 🍽

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1:30pm-2:20pm  Open Textbook USF Authors Panel

Authoring an open textbook can feel like a daunting task. Join Matt Torrence as he moderates an informative session that focuses on the open textbook writing process. Jason Boczar (USF Scholar Commons) and authors Dr. Jenifer Schneider (The Inside, Outside, and Upside Downs of Children’s Literature: From Poets and Pop-ups to Princesses and Porridge), Dr. Anol Bhattacherjee (Social Science Research: Principles, Methods, and Practices), and Dr. Kingsley Reeves (Applied Probability and Statistics for Engineers) discuss why they chose to develop an open textbook.

2:30pm-4:00pm  Open Textbook Partner Workshop – Grace Allen Reading Room, 4th Floor, USF Tampa Library

Are you a member of the USF community who is concerned about the impact of high textbook costs on students, or you are working with a faculty member who is? Do you want to support the adoption or creation of innovative pedagogical materials? Join Josh Bolick from the University of Minnesota’s Open Textbook Network to discover the landscape for affordable textbooks, and learn how to discuss and advise on open textbook solutions. This workshop session is designed for instructional designers, librarians, and staff who support faculty who may want adopt, adapt, or create an open textbook. Capacity is limited to 50 participants, so register now!

4:00pm-5:00pm  Open Textbook Network Forum for Campus Leadership – BSN 231

An opportunity for Deans, Department Chairs, and the Provost to meet with the University of Minnesota’s Open Textbook Network experts Dean Tanya Grosz and Josh Bolick. This session will introduce the concept of open textbooks, their benefits, and how they support textbook affordability.

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