Pollak Library Makes Open Resource Textbooks Available

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Cal State Fullerton is among 13 California State University campuses participating in a CSU initiative on the use of open educational resources textbooks.

Such textbooks offer students free and low-cost digital and print textbook selections, said Scott Hewitt, interim University librarian, who added that the U.S. Government Accountability Office has reported that college students paid on average $1,200 a year in textbook costs.

The CSU initiative is using Rice University-based OpenStax College (http://openstaxcollege.org) textbooks for spring 2015.

OpenStax texts have been used in more than 1,100 courses worldwide for two years and saved students more than $30 million, according to the Gary Michelson Twenty Million Minds Foundation that collaborated with Rice University.

The open resource textbooks are on display on the second floor of Pollak Library.