The University of Texas
Rio Grande Valley

University Library
Scholarly Communications

TEXTBOOK
AFFORDABILITY
PROJECT

How did UTRGV begin OER adoption on their campus?
- Departmental Meetings led to 1:1 meetings
- OpenStax Institutional Partner Program 2 consecutive years
  - Facilitates the implementation of various types of programming and outreach
- Campus Partners
  - Center for Teaching Excellence
    - Professional Development Calendar
  - Center for Online Learning and Teaching Technology
    - Instructional Designers

What has the Scholarly Communications Department done to support OER at their institution?
- Textbook Affordability Project website
  - Affordability Advocates
  - Resources and Support
  - Funding Opportunities
  - Course Marking

What are specific tools/guides/professional learning/best practices that have been helpful?
- Specific to Open Education Librarianship
  - SPARC Open Education Leadership Program
  - OEN Certificate in OER Librarianship
    - Accepting Applications
  - Creative Commons Certificate for Librarians
  - Texas Learn OER
  - Listservs & Community Itself
  - Presenting a Textbook Affordability Tracking template for you and how you can keep track of all programming information!

What impact has UTRGV seen thus far?
- Impact: Textbook Affordability Project

What are our plans to advance this work in the future?
- Library Publishing Project
  - Engage in OER creation and open pedagogy projects
- Center OER creation around the unique population at our institution.

Any tips for folks that are just getting started with OER?
- Program sustainability as you grow
- Try not to compare your program to others
- There are so many different opportunities and possibilities. Utilize campus partnerships, rely on the open community, and choose projects that fit your program's size and institutional needs.