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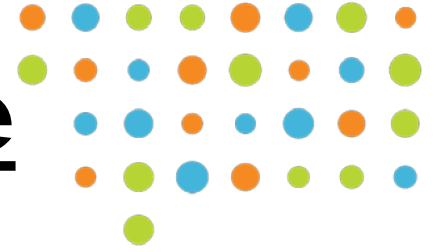


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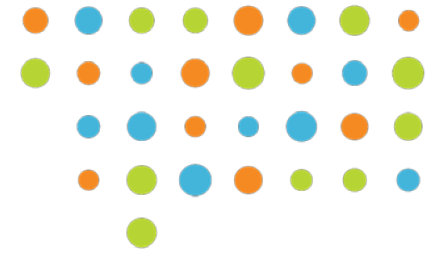
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# TRAILS - an effective Shared Service

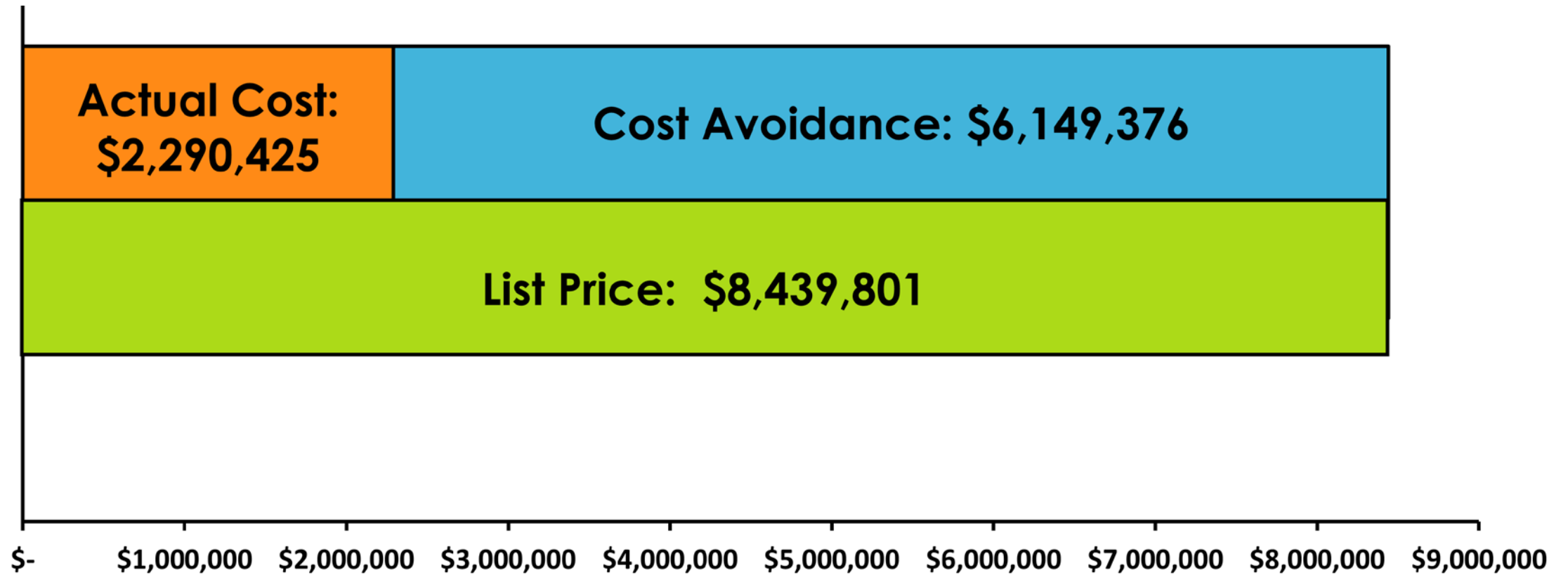


- Shared Technological Backbone
  - Facilitates discovery across all academic libraries
  - Shared data intelligence for greater cooperation
- Leveraged Buying Power
  - Shared purchasing of research journals and databases

# E-Resource Cost Efficiencies

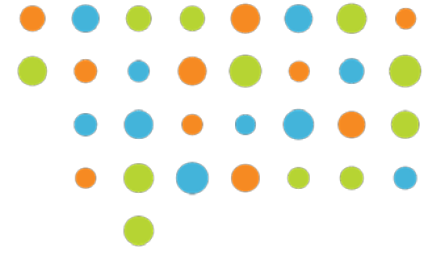


## 1 Total Cost Avoidance (Sept. 2017 to current)



\* Excludes Elsevier Science Direct and Scopus

# E-Resource Cost Efficiencies, cont.



## ② Elsevier Science Direct Database

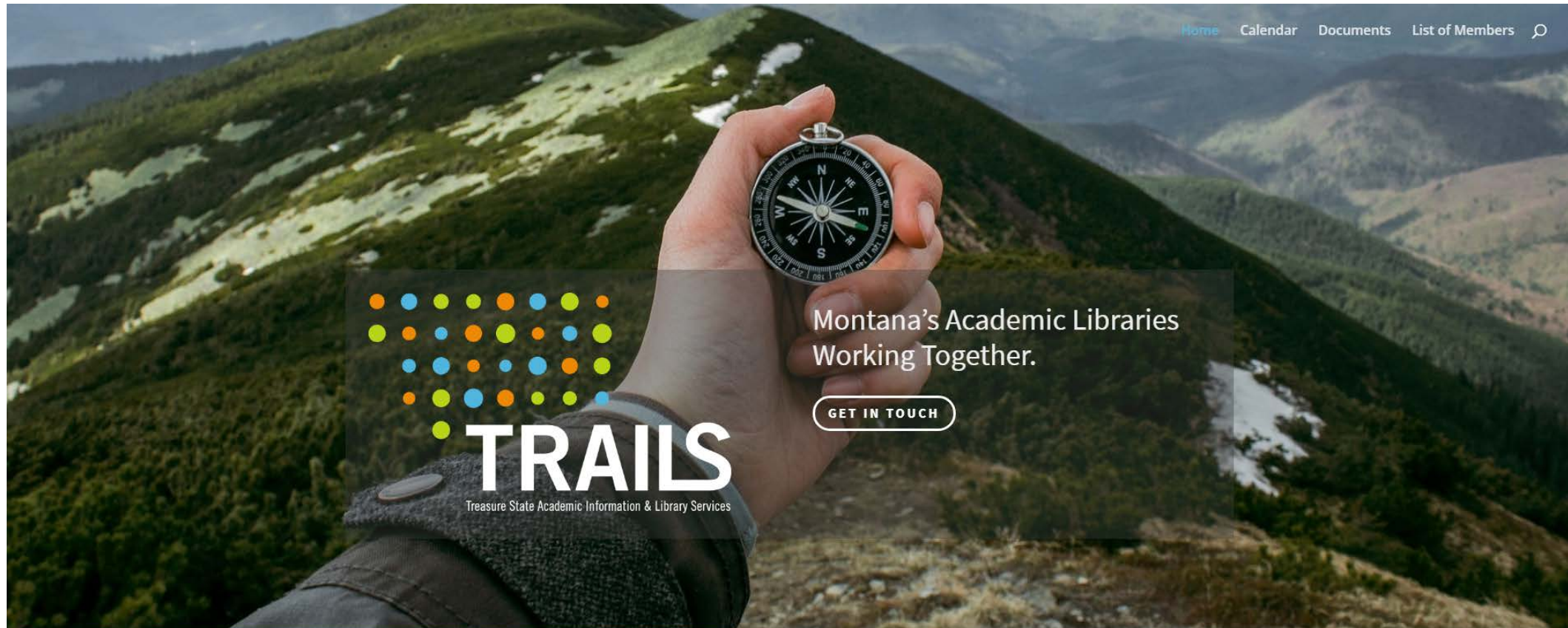
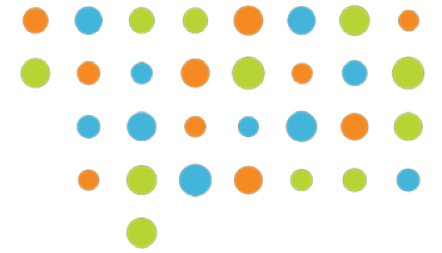
9 Small TRAILS libraries

Each paid average of \$236 per yr.

vs.

Average annual list of \$1,508,650

# TRAILS in the Future



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Montana's Academic Libraries  
Working Together.

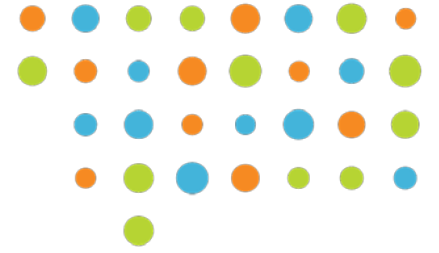
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# Astronomical cost of college textbooks



Over the past three decades -

Textbooks costs have risen **812% - 1,041%**

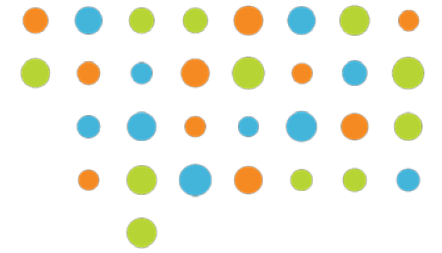
(American Enterprise Institute, 2012; NBC News, 2015)

## What does this mean for students?

**65%** opt out of buying textbooks

**82%** said free online access to textbooks would help them do "significantly better" in a course

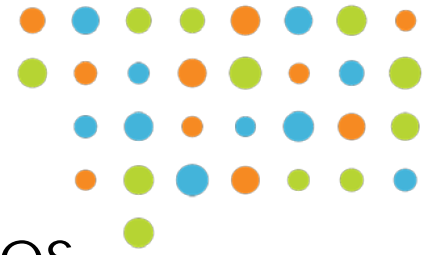
(U.S. PIRG EDUCATION FUND & THE STUDENT PIRGS, 1.27.2014,  
<https://uspirg.org/reports/usp/fixing-broken-textbook-market>)



# OER or Open Educational Resources

Teaching, learning and research materials under the public domain or an open license that permit no-cost access, use, adaptation and redistribution with no or minimal restrictions.

(<https://www.hewlett.org/strategy/open-educational-resources/>)



## E- textbooks:

Textbooks available in digital form, created by commercial publishers or non-commercial entities.

Commercial e-texts cost money and usually have copyright restrictions placed on use.

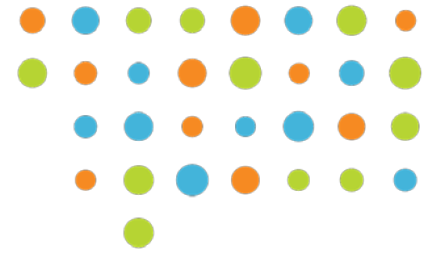
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*OER are predicted to replace commercial textbooks.*



## OER Savings

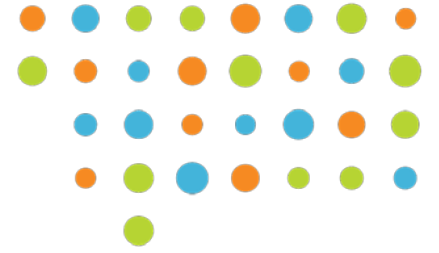
- A **national study** of OER initiatives found that on average, students saved about **\$134 per course** or **5 to 22%** of the annual student textbook cost.

*Launching OER Degree Pathways: An Early Snapshot of Achieving the Dream's OER Degree Initiative and Emerging Lessons, Achieving the Dream (ATD), June 2017*

- **Faculty Incentive Initiatives**

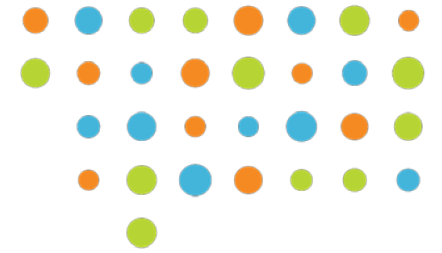
U of MA grant program disbursed 40 grants of \$1,000 each over 4 yrs. Saved students almost **\$1.5 million**.

<https://opentextbookalliance.org/case-studies/>



## Library consortia lead statewide OER initiatives:

- [GALILEO](#) (GeorgiA Library LEarning Online) - *Affordable Learning Georgia*
- [LOUIS](#) (Louisiana Library Network) – *Affordable Learning LOUISiana*
- [OhioLINK](#) (Ohio Library and Information Network) – *Affordable Learning Initiative*
- [VIVA](#) (Virtual Library of Virginia) – *Open Initiatives*



## TRAILS is ready to do the same:

- Established OER Standing Committee
- Collate, organize, and vet OER content to best support Montana's curricula
- Educate the educators

**Thank You.**



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