Open textbook publishing

Is this what you've been looking for?
The problem is...

From a Library perspective:

- Print textbooks take up a lot of shelf space
- There's never enough copies
- They have to be replaced regularly as updated editions come out
- Students prefer digital material
- Digital textbooks are many many times more expensive than print
The problem is... relevance

For students
- Access to copies
- The textbook doesn't map seamlessly onto the syllabus
- Older editions might be outdated
- The content isn't dynamic
The problem is... time

For teachers

• Changing to a different title means reconfiguring teaching
• Alternative titles will have same cost/relevance implications
• Who has time to write a textbook?
The solution?

Collaborative Open access Textbooks

(made with a University press?)
• The burden doesn't fall to one author
• Colleagues who agree on pedagogical approach
• Colleagues from beyond the institution

• Support throughout the process from the Library
• No cost to the user

• Anyone with an internet connection can use it

• Other institutions may adopt the text to support their teaching

• Easier to revise or update to new editions

• Support throughout the process from the Library
• More control over teaching materials
• Tangible output for those on education and scholarship pathway
• Contribution to the field
• Support throughout the process from the Library
Psychology pilot project

1 year
1 core textbook
-900 students

6 chapters
10 authors
Plans for a 2nd ed.
A University press?

watch

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space