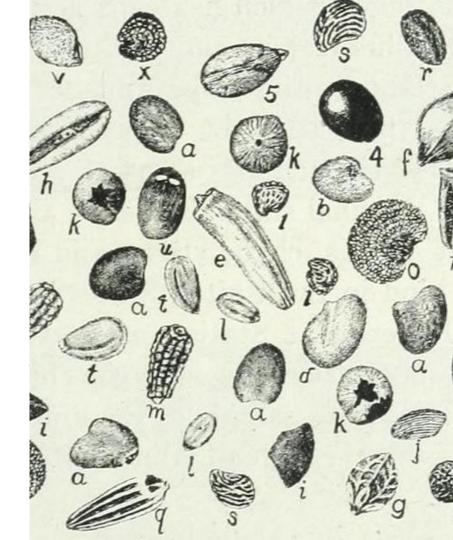
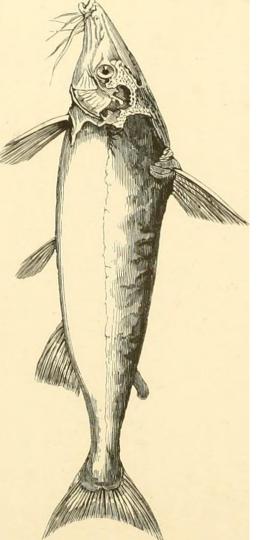


Challenges & **Opportunities** Launching an **Open Textbook Publishing Program** 

# The Publishing Cooperative

Open Textbook Network





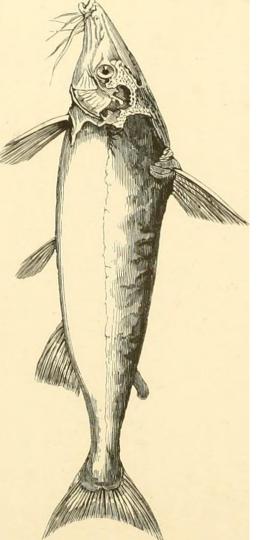
#### Goals

- Grow open textbook publishing expertise and capacity in higher education
- Increase the availability of open textbooks (CC BY)
   for use by instructors and students around the world



### To-Do

establish shared publishing infrastructure, process, community, technical and services support



## **Building Blocks**

- OTN partners with Scribe, mission-driven publishing services company
- OTN funds start-up costs, institutions fund projects
- Deliver first iteration of professional development and orientation curriculum
- Community of practice and professional support during project phase



# **PREPARATION**

Teacher Background Knowledge

## The Language of Energy Conversion

In this lesson, students will learn about energy transfer and transformation, as those processes relate to solar energy. The conventional term used by the scientific community is energy *transformation*—the process of energy converting or transforming from one type to another. However, the similarity of the words *transfer* and *transformation* can cause significant confusion for students. As they explain phenomena related to energy, they often use the incorrect term even as they provide a correct explanation. For that reason, IOWST often

Wall is a good place to make the difference visible. Write both transfer and conversion on the word wall, adding (transformation) parenthetically under the word conversion. Use pictures, drawings, artifacts from activities, or any other visual cues that can support students as they not only learn the concepts, but learn the language that applies to both.

#### **Light Energy**

Light is unusual. It is not matter, yet it is something. It has energy—light energy. This may trouble some students and is actually a very complex subject. If students raise questions

ahaft

Head 1, after a larger element.

#### bhaft

Head 2, after a larger head

- pf

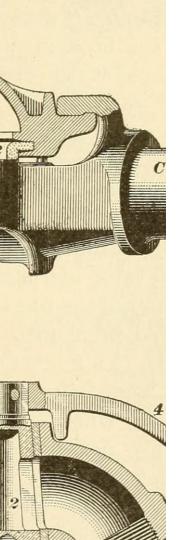
Body text, first instance

ch

Head 3

paft

Body text, non-indented, occurs after a head. This design does not



Beth Bernhardt, UNC Greensboro / brbernha@uncg.edu
Karen Bjork, Portland State University / kbjork@pdx.edu
Anna Craft, UNC Greensboro / arcraft@uncg.edu
Corinne Guimont, Virginia Tech / gcorinne@vt.edu
Amanda Larson, Penn State University / acl49@psu.edu
Karen Lauritsen, Open Textbook Network / klaurits@umn.edu
Anita Walz, Virginia Tech / arwalz@vt.edu

Additional Founding Members: Miami University, Southern Utah University, University of Cincinnati, University of Connecticut and West Hills Community College District (CA)

More info: z.umn.edu/co-op

"A textbook on the locomotive and the air brake" (1901). p.258