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Textbooks 2.0 gives students options, makes K-State more affordable

Last year, the entire K-State community came together for K-State’s first All In campaign, an effort to raise funds for a single cause within 24 hours. This year, Textbooks 2.0, an initiative supported by K-State Libraries, was chosen as the cause. While this year’s event was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been rescheduled for the spring 2021 semester.

By investing in grant awards for instructors, the program, also known as the Open/Alternative Textbook Initiative, yields significant dividends to students. Since 2013, the program has already saved K-State students nearly $5 million dollars.

Textbooks 2.0 provides funding to K-State faculty and instructors to develop or adopt digital alternatives to traditional print textbooks. These digital alternatives improve affordability, take learning to the next level by providing students with high-quality, faculty-authored materials relevant to their class and provide flexibility by bringing course materials to the palms of student’s hands. So instead of purchasing an expensive textbook, students pay only $10 for a digital textbook.

The Textbooks 2.0 program allows students to pay just $10 for a digital textbook, potentially saving them hundreds on class materials.